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In unequivocal and uncompromising terms, Mr Brezhnev the Soviet party leader flatly rejected both proposals that Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, had made to him on the state of th

had examined the proposals and comprehensive test ban, notifi-had found neither acceptable, carion of missile tests, civil de-

He offered no new proposals. fence, and demilitarization of Speaking to reporters after the Indian Ocean, ideological the final meeting. Mr Vance weapons and proliferation of tried to put a brave face on nuclear arms, among others.

Moscow, March 30

Talks between Russia and

America on a new strategic arms control agreement collapsed

At the final session of the

three-day talks today, Mr Brezhnev did most of the talk-ing. The Soviet Union, he said,

what will doubtless be judged

the low point in Soviet-Ameri-

can relations since the begin-

ning of détente. He admitted he

was disappointed with the nega-

tive outcome, but said that he and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet

He claimed that progress had

been made in other areas and cited the agreement to set up

working groups. They would deal with such questions as a

# Mr Healey sets low norm for phase three pay bargaining

Trade union leaders will be told by Mr Healey that the maximum average increase in rates of pay that can be tolerated in Phase Three of the pay restraint policy is about 4 to 5 per cent. Such a comparatively low limit on settlements is bound to

cause disappointment. Many union leaders have publicly stated that substantially higher amounts than the Chancellor will be indicating are necessary to compensate for the general drop in living standards that took place under the second phase

# Terms bound to dismay unions

APRIL & Wastlake By Melvyh Westlake maximum av

The maximum average increase in rates of pay that the Chancellor, Mr Denis Healey, expects to be able to tolerate under Phase Three of the pay restraint policy, which begins this August, is around 4 to 5 per cent But because all special per cent. But because all special cases and differential adjustments will have so come out of this total increase, the general norm will need to be substantially below this figure.

The Chancellor will make it clear to trades union leaders when negotiations on Phase Three begin after Easter, that maximum average settlements

maximum average settlements above 4 or 5 per cent would be inconsistent with the inflation objectives set out in the Chancellor's Budget speech on Tuesday. This is to get inflation down to below 10 per cent between the second quarters of 1977 and 1978. Such an inflation target

would permit average earnings to rise by perhaps 8 or 9 per cent. But this would have to include overtime, job upgrad-ing possibly productivity deals, and other forms of wage "slippage" which add to the national wage bill over and beyond negotiated wage settle-

Such a comparatively low limit on pay settlements for Phase Three seems certain to disappoint many trade union even if average earnings did leaders, who have publicly not rise any faster under Phase stated that they would be seek. Two than Phase Three, living ing substantially higher standards would not show a amounts, particularly after the further fall. Indeed, a very

The Government faces simost certain defeat in the Commons

on Monday at the and of the Budget debate. The Conserva-tives, Liberale and the national-

ists intend to join forces to

reject the two resolutions relat-ing to the increased price of perol and the raising of the

If that happens the Chancel-

for will have to drop from the Finance Bill the clauses relating to those increases, which would have brought in £360m in a full

The threat to the Govern-

ment became clear last night after Mr Foot, and Mr Rees, on behalf of the Government, had met Mr Alan Beith, the Liberal Chief Whip, Mr John Pardoe, the party's economic spokesmen, and Mr Emlyn Hooson, QC.

The meeting head

The meeting lasted only 20 minutes but it was obvious afterwards that the Government was desperately worried about the prospect of losing two of the most important sections of the Budget measures.

Mr Pardoe has suggested that the Government could make the public hoss of revenue by changing the level of value added tax. He proposes a similar rate of 10 per cent, which would mean raising the 8 per cent rate and curring the 12.5 per cent rate. That, he

vehicles excise duty on from £40 a year to £50.

, Lordan Angres, Rig

Liberals set to defeat

Labour on petrol price

drop in general living standards marginal improvement is fore that will have taken place seen.
under the second phase of pay

But it is clear that any offer

However, the Treasury's econ-

meer the current phase.

The big difference between Phase Two and Phase Three, as now seen by the Treasury, is that there will be no boost to prices from external factors like a fall in the pound's exchange rate, or sharply rising commodity prices. This was what threw out the arithmetic in the present phase of pay restraint.

Although it remains the Government's intention adjust the pound's exchange rate to maintain the competi-tiveness of British exports, the forecast decline in inflation over the next year is assumed to mimize any further decline in the pound over the coming

Moreover, the sharp rise that has taken place in the prices of commodities on world mar-kets is expected to slow down, while at home prices will contimue to be controlled quite tightly. For these reasons, even if average earnings did not rise any faster under Phase

the Chancellor makes to trade union leaders will have to take exorably in the direction of a is that overrime and "slippage" total rise in average earnings of the order of 8 or 9 per cent, the same as the increase in average earnings now expected under the current phase. ential adjustments that are thought desirable, the less the thought desirable, the less the amount of money there will be available for employees who do not benefit from such payments.

Presenting his pay deal in this form will put the onus of dividing up the total available money onto the shoulders of the

TUC.

Undowheedly, this will not be welcomed by those trade unionists who had hoped to recover during Phase Three the ground lost in the present phase. At least one post-Budget independent forecast is suggesting that pay will rise by dround 15 per cent in the 1977-78 pay round, with about a chird of this stemming from "slappage".

The Chancellor has however, provided a cushion with his tax measures, which as he said in

measures, which as he said in his Budget, should be viewed as equal to a pay increase of 41 er cent. Indeed, when allowance is

made for the price increases and tax stoppages that follow a conventional wage increase, his an extra on wages from

# Steel-union chief seeks The Cosservatives had already decided to oppose the same Budget resolutions, partly

on the ground that 5 p on a gallon of petrol will have serious consequences for people Mr William Sirs, the steelwho live in rural aress. Because they are wortied on the same score, the Scottish and Welsh nationalists and the Ulster ment on flexible pay bargain. Unionists are almost certain to join with the other opposition Tory attack: With only the un happy motorist to champion, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the shadow Chancellor, pur on as miserable a face as possible and on the whole gave a commendable performence in launching the traditional opposition attack on the second day of the Budget debate in the Commons rester-day (Hugh Noyes writes). Motorists apart, however, it was clear that Sir Geoffrey did not find the Budget too distaste-ful. He welcomed the manner in which the Chancellor had been reeducated over the years but observed that Mr Healey had still only begun to repair the damage he had done sincs going to the Treasury. Sir Geoffrey, described the Sir Geoffrey, described the Chancellor as, at heart, a big-spending, incontinent recidivist, and said there were now two restraints on him: the Liberal Party and the IMF.

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# phase three flexibility By Paul Routledge

workers' leader, appealed to the Government and the TUC ment on flexible pay bargaining after the British Steel
Corporation decided to shut its
giant Port Telbot plant employing 13,000 workers because of
an unofficial strike by electricione over one differentials cians over wage differentials.

Mr Sirs, general secretary of
the Iron and Steel Trades the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and chairman of the TUC steel industry committee, made his plea in a letter to Mr Callaghan, Mr Healey, the Chancellor, and Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, as the revoit by skilled workers over continuing pay restraint shifted to the steel industry. "If our industry goes down, the Government goes down, the said. British Steel yesterday British Steel yesterday announced the progressive closure of Porr Tabbot works, which has just been given government approved for an £835m expansion programme, because of the strike by electricians demanding an extra £10 a week. The stoppage is being led by Mr Wyn Bevan, a former unsuccessful left-wing

candidate in elections for the

# Immediate action on race relations urged

London, estate up for auction. Report, page 19.

The Scotch House island site (centre) is part of a £40m Brompton Road,

play its part in the combin

The report says the main dif-ficulties for West Indians are discrimination, under achieve-

neutnes for West Indians are discrimination, under-achieve-ment at school, the feeling of alienation among young blacks, the failure to recruit West Indians for the public service and the paucity of special facili-ties for West Indian communi-ties.

The committee's examination of deteriorating relations be-tween the police and West Indians led at to the conclusion

that there was no evidence available to justify firm con-

clusions about the relative in-

crime. The police should make every effort to promote better

understanding and the West Indians themselves should be

more constructive in their atti-

tude to the police, the report

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iness feature : Maurice Corina examines

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By Craig Seton

The Government must act now to stop the increasing alieuation, of young West Indians in Britain before race relations deteriorate further and create irreconcilable division, a report published yesterday says.

day says. inc The Select Committee on Race it Relations and Immigration, in a report on the West Indian community, says young blacks present a critical challenge. In them, the West Indian community is at its point of greatest structive suggestions. "The rension and strain. The committee suggests that

the Government's legislative framework to help West Indians and other ethnic groups Indians and other ethnic groups should be supplemented by a comprehensive strategy for dealing with disadvantage.

West Indian and educational groups yesterday welcomed the committee's main recommendation that the Government should set up a high-level, independent inquiry into the poor school standards of black wilden. The committee found children. The committee found West Indians to be bitter and disturbed about the underachievement of their children and about the high proportion who were in schools for the

educationally subnormal.

Mr William Trant, general secretary of the West Indian Standing Conference, said:

"Undoubtedly there is a problem of under-achievement to be investigated. We have advocated

this for years."
The National Union didate in elections for the Teachers said: "We would wel-Continued on page 2, col 3 come such on inquiry. It is

Jailed MP warned of bankruptcy certainly the case that West Indians and other immigrants are under-achieving at action and there is fittle training of teachers in multiracial classfor life

John Stonebouse, the failed former MP, facing questions into his financial affairs, clashed with officials at London Bankruptcy Court resterday, and was warned that he ran the risk of being "bankrupt for life". room teaching."

The National Association for Multi-Racial Education said the inquiry was to be welcomed if it examined school practices Mr David Lane, chairman-designate of the new Commis-sion for Racial Equality, said the select committee had made

The warning came during questioning of Mr Stonehouse by Mr James Tye, the official a number of relevant and conreceiver. At one point, Mr Tye pressed Mr Stonehouse about a suggestion that he was insoloperation to help the West Indian community which should result from the report." vent while still carrying on business.

Mr Stonehouse denied the suggestion, and shouted: "I had a breakdown, Mr Tye. Can't you get that into your head?"

Later, after Mr Stonehouse had told Mr Tye not to interrupt him while he was answering a question about his change of identity in 1974, Mr Registrar Parbury said he was losing his patience with Mr Stonehouse

The registrar said: "I am having to listen to evasive answers", and Mr Stonehouse interrupted to say: "Not at

all."

The registrar told him to listen and continued: "I am listening to irrelevant answers, meaningless answers, points you are trying to score off the official receiver. Unless you answer the questions properly and truthfully from now onwards I propose to adjourn this examination sine die.

"The receiver told him to the truthfully from now onwards I propose to adjourn this examination sine die.

"The result will be that you will not be able to obtain a discharge for the rest of your life. You are serving a prison sentence [seven years for offences under the Theft Act] and that inder the Their Act; and that ithe question of a dischargel may not mean much to you at the moment, but as time goes on you will find the position more and more uncomfortable and it will be more and more difficult to rehabilitate your-

Mrs Sheila Buckley, Mr Stonehouse's former secretary, watched the proceedings yes terday.

Mr. Stonehouse's statement of affairs showed total debts of £816,006. He expects only £258,241 of the total to be claimed against him. He values his assets at £137,185, including £115,000 in Switzerland, which he saws is subject to ing £115,000 in Swazerland, which, he says, is subject to arrest proceedings there.

During the hearing Mr Stonehouse said he was innocem and had been wrongly convicted. He denied "cooking

the books " to save his banking venture, which had started as British Bangladesh Trust Ltd and later became the London Capital Group.

capital Group.

His actions, based on footish idealism, could be construed as high-minded and aimed at helping a company in a difficult period, he said.

The registrar adjourned the hearing until October 26.

#### Briton jailed

Rome, March 30.—Richard Horsham, a 31-year-old Briton, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment and fined hm lire (£600) here for trying to bring drugs into Italy.

Russia rejects American plan for limiting nuclear arms This, however, was meagre consolation for failure of the

main effort. The chief stumbling block was the flat Soviet refusal to consider either American plan. The first was the so-called deferral proposal, which would have reaffirmed the agreements reached at Vladivostok and deferred the issue of the Cruise deterred the issue of the Critise missile and Soviet backfire bomber for further negotiations while resolving all the other Vladivostok issues, and signing

a treaty accordingly. The alternative proposal which the Russians also turned down was the comprehensive agreement, which the Americans would have preferred. According to Mr Vance, this would have assured substantial

Collapse of Moscow talks brings US-Soviet relations to lowest point since détente began

It consisted of four elements. These provided for a substantial reduction in the overall aggregate of strategic delivery vehicles; reduction of modern large ballistic missile launchers; reduction in MIRV launcher aggregates : and a kimir on launchers of ICBM missiles equipped with MIRVs.

Also included were a ban on Also included were a ban on flight tests of existing ICBMs; a ban on development and testing of new ICBMs and mobile ICBM launchers; and finally a ban on deployment and testing of all Cruise mis-siles whether nuclear or conventionally armed, with ranges that were not intercontinental.

measures that would prevent the Soviet Backfire bomber from being used as a strategic

At the close of today's discussion, the entire issue of strategic arms limitation seemed to be right back at Square One, where it was left just more than a year ago when Dr Henry Kissinger, then the Secretary of State, arrived at the same blank wall.

While the issue of human rights, as raised by President Carter, did not figure in the discussions after Mr Brezhnev's opening grade on Monday, it certainly contributed to a har-dening of the Soviet position in the opinions of most ob-In return for this, the Ameri- servers.

# Car investment freeze by British Leyland

By Clifford Webb

Mr Alex Park, chief executive of British Leyland, and Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of his struggling Leyland Cars subsidiary, remain committed to the new £200m Mini project, but neither has threatened to resign if it is cancelled during the reappraisal of the state-controlled group's car operations.

So pressing are the cash-flow difficulties in the wake of the month-long toolmakers' strike that yesterday British Levland announced that it had frozen all capital expenditure on car projects. It emphasized however, that that did not apply to the group's remaining subsidiaries -Truck and Bus and Special Products—which are profitable operations.

The freeze is expected to last for the next three months, during which it is hoped to complete both the reappraisal and consideration of its outcome by the National Enterprise Board and the Department of

Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is having second thoughts about the Mini project, Leyland executives insisted last night that it will be a viable profit-earner at least comparable to the much-landed Ford Fiesta and Volkswagen Polo.

ADO 88, as the project is designated internally, was never intended to be a low-profit-earner or loss-leader. It was costed to earn higher profits than a planned replacement for one of Leyland's more expensive medium saloons.

Engineering work on ADO 88 is almost finished and pilot production will start when a new equipped at Longbridge. Many thousands of man-hours and millions of pounds have been invested.

Supporters of the new Mini have made great play with its intended role as an import-stopper, but little has been said of irs contribution as an export-earner. The present Mini, introduced 18 years ago, is the backbone of Leyland's sales in Europe, accounting for 65 per cent of its business there.

considered is the postponement of the new Mini and a thorough revision of the existing model. Sir Alec Issigonis, the man who initiated a new generation of small cars when he designed the Mini, insists that it still has enormous potential. He believes it can be further improved and its unique appeal extended for several years.

Supporters of an improved Mini insist that it should be accompanied by a transfer in investment priority from ADO 88 to LC10, the planned replacement for the whole of Ley-land's medium saloon range, including the Marina, Maxi, Dolomite and Allegro. They would like to see the 1981 launch dare for LC10 advanced by a least a year.

The advantages of such a policy would be great. As well as reducing design work on bodies, engines and gearboxes it would permit enormous cost savings by concentrating at Cowley production work that is at present spread over at least three other factories. It would also give Leyland a new contender in the less vulnerable and more profitable mediumcar sector. But there are obstacles not least the attitude Despite reports that Mr of workers at Triumph, Coven-Varies. Secretary of State for try, where it is planned to stop car assembly and concentrate on engine and gearbox production.

> Equally daunting is the fact that engineering work on LC10 is far from complete. The present shortage of engineers at Leyland and the absence of the planned group engineering ceptre world make speeding of the work almost impossible.

> Meanwhile there is specula-tion within Leyland about Mr George Turnbuil's intentions. The former managing director has completed his three-year contract with the Hydundai Car Company of South Korea, and recently held talks with Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secrey at the Department Industry.

> It is thought unlikely that Mr Turnbull is being considered as a replacement for either Mr Park or Mr Whittaker but there is a body of opinion in favour of his joining the National Enterprise Board to provide liaison with Leyland.

The NEB officials at present responsible for monitoring Ley-land's progress are not regarded within the company as having ant of its business there. the experience or seniority
An alternative strategy being necessary to carry out the task

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Overdrafts to cost less as banks cut rate

Leading banks have cut their base lending rates by a full point to 9½ per cent. As a result, overdraft costs will mostly drop to a 12½ to 14½ per cent range. Bank deposit rates are reduced 1½ per cent to 5 per cent, which intensifies pressure on the building societies to reduce the present 12½ per cent mortage level when they meet next month Page 19 Leading banks have cut their base lend-

#### Roman gold

Preparations for handling crowds of Tutankhamou dimensions are well in hand for the opening of the British Museum's exhibition of Roman gold and silver. It has cost £100,000 to stage and is expected to attract at least 750,000 visitors Page 3

#### Tea price inquiry

The recent sharp increases in world tea prices are to be investigated by the Price Commission. Mr Hanersley, Secretary of State for Prices, has asked for "an authoritative check that consumers are not being exploited.

#### PC under fire

A London policeman, although under fire, sent on his radio details of four men and their car after an £11,000 raid on a bank in north Acton, London Page 2

#### M Barre's stronger hold in France

President Gistard d'Estaing yesterday installed a new French Government under M Raymond Barre which con-tained few surprises. However, the dropping of three senior ministers in the convening Government — M the outgoing Government — M
Ponistowski, M Lecannet and M
Guichard—was expected to strengthen
the Prime Minister's position and make
for unity in the Government Majority before next year's general election Page 4

Undefended divorce The new simplified procedure for undefended divorce cases comes into effect tomorrow. Aithough legal aid will not usually be available to the petitioner in future, the Law Society says that people will still be able to get free legal advice : Page 2.

Stechford grouse The Liberal candidate in today's Stechford by election, complained of the way it had been "cocked up". Mr. Graham Gopsili, who openly opposed last week's Labour-Liberal concordar, said he resented the things that had happened to disrupt the rhythur of his

#### Podgorny tour

campaign .

President Podgorny of the Soviet Union, who is in Mapuro, Mozambique, on the last leg of his African tour, was welcomed to "the combat trench" of Africa by President Machel It is the closest the Soviet leader has come to South Africa

#### Nuclear hopes blow

Brussels taiks between EEC research ministers, aimed at agreeing on a site for the £70m themomuclear fusion experimental project Torus, have produced no decision. Britain steered discussions away from a vote when it became clear that its hopes of being chosen were becoming drastically reduced Page 4

Bhutto team named

While rioting goes on in Karachi, Mr Bhutto has named 21 members of his new Government and has selected his Artorney General. More ministers have been given full Cabinet rank, though Mr Bhutto has dropped five members of his old team

Care of handicapped: Closure of most mental hospitals within fifteen years is recommended by Mind, the National Association for Mental Health Ince case: The Director of Public Prosecutions has said he can find no evidence on which to bring criminal proceedings against certain police officers involved in the case of George

Middle Bast : President Sadat of Egypt today sets out on a visit to Bom, Paris and Washington for talks on peace prospects Spain and the Community: Four-page Special Report on the effects of the country joining the EEC.

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# New divorce procedure starting today will be 'less of an embarrassment' for the litigant

undefended divorce cases comes into effect tomorrow. Although legal aid will not usually be available to the petitioner in future the Law Society was at pains yesterday to assure people that they would still be entitled to free

legal advice. In undefended cases evidence of the breakdown of a marriage will be given by affidavit and the parties will not have to attend court. The registrar in chambers will conregistrar in chambers and make sider the affidavit and make his recommendation to the his recommendation to the judge. The granting of the decree will still be a matter for the judge, who will pronounce the decree in court. Again, the parties will not need to attend. Mr Peter Archer, QC, the Solicitor General, said yester-day that as there would be no legal representation under the new procedure the question of legal aid did not arise. The arrangements were "less technical, less embarrassing and less frightening" for the lit-igant and would additionally provide a great saving on the legal aid fund.

Both he and Mr David dwards, the secretary of Legal Aid, who gave a separate press conference at the Law Society's headquarters, were emphatic that the less well off, such as those on social security benefit, would still qualify for legal advice and assistance (before the filing of the petition under the new arrange-ments) from a solicitor under the existing "green form

Edwards continued: "Although legal aid will not eligible for aid under the aid system and to increase the be available to get a divorce green form scheme a fee of number of law centres.

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, took it as a good omen for his Budget that only

about forty Labour MPs, about one in eight, felt deeply

enough to attend yesterday's special meeting of the Parlia-mentary Labour Party at the House of Commons, If he had

mmisjudged the occasion in

party terms the Grand Commit-

crowded to the doors.

room would have been

He had his critics but as Mr

Michael English, MP for Nou-ingham, West, put it: "The PLP is a shareholders' meet-

ing, and if there, were sweat criticism all 310 shareholders

would be here." The small attendance indicated that the

That had to be set against the declaration of Mr Eric Heffer, the *Tribune* Group MP

for rate arrears

The council at Chesterfield.

Derbyshire, where rate arrears

have risen from £22,000 to

£532,000 in three years, has been criticized by the district auditor. The council blamed difficulties encountered during

the introduction of a computer for the arrears and says it hopes to reduce them to an

acceptable level once the com-

Operating theatres at Leigh-

ton Hospital, near Crewe, were

closed yesterday by an infec-

tion. Emergency operation

cases are being transferred to

north Scaffordshire, Maccles-

puter is operating normally.

Hospital infection

field and Chester.

parliamentary party

reasonably content.

Political Editor

The simplified procedure for in all the important areas udefended divorce cases where there are likely to be disputes, including custody of children maintenance, who should have the matrimonial home, and similar matters."

Legal Aid would also be available for getting an emergency injunction to stop a spouse from molesting the other, or to bar one of them from the matrimonial home. Those were all areas covered by Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, when he announced last June that the special procedure in divorce,

whereby a petition is lodged with the court and no with the court and no appearance of any of the parties is necessary, would be extended to all cases of undefended divorce, whether the children of the marriage are under 16 years of age or not. The green form scheme will

cover the much needed preliminary advice sessions with a grounds for a divorce or a separation, arrangements for the custody of the children (if any) and on maintenance matters. A solic-itor will also be able to prepare the necessary forms and documents before filing. If it is discovered that the procee ings are to be contested, full legal aid will be available.

The new limit for work that can be done in a divorce case without prior authority under the green form scheme is to be £45. It was formerly £25. Mr Archer said that if preliminary advice costs exceeded £45 special authority would need to be obtained For all litigants who are not make adjustments to the legal

tion. The increased road fund tax for cars and the higher tax

on clearettes had been much

Replying, Mr Healey insisted that he had not tried to devise

ford's by-election had not been in his mind. "It would not have been right", he said,

for it to have been an elec-

tion Budget. In fact, the broad shape of the Budget had been

decided well before the date of

In one of his bursts of can-dour, Mr Healey told the MPs that he did not delude himself

that he had produced a parti-

cularly popular Buget, but he

hoped that with the passage of time it would be apreciated.

He noted, with relief, the

broad support of the press.

railway line

Railway enthusiasts hope to

reopen part of the picturesque "watercress line" in Hamp-

shire with a public tourist service by mid-May.

that the enthusiasts have bought 10 miles of the former line, which runs through new Alres-ford and Ropley, from British Rail Crews will be trained to

operate steam trains on it.

Two on hunger strike

Two hunger strikers protest-ing at conditions in Porthaoise prison, in Republic of Ireland, have been moved to the nospital wing of the Curragh military

detention centre, in co Kildare.

One is Thomas Keenan, aged 19, of co Armagh,

Horace

It was announced yesterday

criticized, he reported.

the by-election."

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from Liverpool, Walton, that It had been necessary, he no other government could said, to err on the side of have handed out so much in caution for economic reasons,

Council attacked | Plan to reopen

Poor turnout by MPs pleases Mr Healey

county court. In Landon one case out of every seven is handled privately by the petitioner on payment of the £16. It is expected that many more people will choose to petition for a divorce in this way.

The divorce netition form and notes for guidance are available free from county courts. Mr Archer said he believed that county court staff would help people who wish to fill out the forms themselves, although most people "would be wiser to take legal advice".

Also free from county courts and citizens' advice bureaux is a guide for the petitioner act-ing without a solicitor, entitled Undefended Divorce. The booklet is informative and applies to legal separation as well as

The Lord Chancellor has raised the upper disposable income limit for advice to £42, thus extending the coverage of tomorrow, anyone receiving supplementary benefit or family income supplement and whose disposable capital is not more than £300 at the time of application will be eligible for help under a green form with-out any contribution at all.

If a prospective litigant has not more than £20 disposable income he is eligible for free advice under the green form scheme. If he has between £20 and £42 disposable income a contribution of between £4 and contribution of between 24 and 233 will be charged on b sliding scale linked to his income. Mr Archer said that with the savings to the legal aid fund the Lord Chancellor wanted to

importance to the testimony of restraint, he conceded that it retail-price index than if he Mr Arthur Blenkinsop (South would not be easy to reach had increased VAT. Anyhow, if Shields), back from the front agreement with the TUC, he had raised VAT the houseline in the Stechford by elec- although he hoped it would be wife would have been very cri-

possible, because he had done "all that was reasonable and practical as a contribution

wards a further settlement ".

It was necessary to be cau-tious fiscally because there was

no certainty that the Govern-ment would achieve the type of agreement ir wanted with

the unions. Similarly although the United Kingdom would probably be in surplus towards the end of this year, "on the fiscal side, figures have been

swinging about madly and it would be impossible to act on

them with certainty". He refused to make abstract

assessments about the balance

had not raised tax thresholds

enough, Mr Healey said that he would have liked to do

more for the skilled and semi-

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Electronic, Telecommuni-cations and Plumbing Union.

Mr Sirs said last night: "I have written to the TUC and

the Government telling them there must be flexibility in

wage bargaining if the social contract is to survive."

The ISTC leader disclosed that he had received many let-

ters from his members voicing growing dissensfaction with

growing dissustration with pay restraint. But he said the electricians were wrong to take mofficial action after being told by their leaders to go back to work and put their demands through normal nego-

tiating machinery.

In the wake of the Budget there is widespread opposition from union leaders who do not like the "straight exchange"

of more wage restraint for a lower standard rate of income

tax. The ISTC, a traditionally non-militant union, is prepared to accept a phase three of the social contract, but Mr Sirs said that any new agreement

would have to reward steel-workers for skills, restore dif-

**Port Talbot strikers** 

will meet tomorrow

pular.

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payments. Meeting the criticism that he

#### Policeman's radio warning as raiders fire

Stephen Bradwell, a London policeman, was shot at by four men yesterday as he tried single-handed to foil a bank raid in north Acton, London. Although under fire he continued to send details of the raiders and their car by radio. PC Bradwell, who is 20, escaped a hail of fire by taking cover behind his patrol car.

Three of the men, armed with revolvers, broke into the bank at Gipsy Corner 10 minutes before it opened, threatened staff at gunpoint and took £11,000.

Scotland Yard said a passer by noticed what was going on and flagged down PC Bradwell's panda car. A man sitting in a Rover 2000 outside the bank pointed a shotgun at PC Brad-well and opened fire as the constable dodged behind his

The car windscreen was smashed and the sides were riddled by the shotgun blast. The three other raiders opened fire on the policeman as they escaped from a bank window PC Bradwell, a policeman for only two years, said he approached the Rover and "when I realized the man was getting out of the car I ducked down and ran 15ft to hide be-hind the back of my panda. There must have been about a dozen blasts fired in my direction and I just kept my head down."

Seventh fire victim

The number of victims of the fire last Sunday at the Crypt Restaurant, in Dover, rose to seven yesterday with the death in hospital of Mrs Phyllis Con-lon, of Acton, west London.

wife would have been very critical and "we must bear in mind that electorally and politically we are less popular (that is, the Labour Government and Labour Party) with the housewife than her hus

Answering further points about workers' differentials, the Chancellor held that the

structural change necessary could not really be achieved by

tax changes that enlarged or compressed differentials, but only by a pay policy that created a more equitable stra-

On prices, Mr Healey com-mented that "the key is the exchange rate". He added:

"The improvement of the exchange rate since my December measures has been

equivalent to between £2,000m and £3,000m in subsidies."

Velindre timplate works near by would quickly halt also.

Mr. Bevan, the strikers' leader, accused the BSC management of being "chil-dish" in deciding to run down the Port Talbot works so that only safety men will be on duty by Sunday. He said the management must accept the

management must accept the blame "because they are not prepared to negotiate."

The striking electricians are to meet again tomorrow after-

noon, but there will not be a vote on whether to continue the iadustrial action. Mr Bevan

said: "There will be no vor-ing on whether we go back to

work until we have some offer

Informal talks on a possible

way out of the strike dilemma are expected to take place today. The TUC steel industry

committee may try to get the men back by pointing out to them the wider impact of their

Man remanded on drug charge

to put to the men."

Industry that takes great care is fighting for survival.

# Asbestos workers bewildered by anxiety over health risks

Publicity over the health risks associated with exposure to asbestos dust bewilders the two hundred workpeople of TAC Construction Materials an asbestos cement fac-at Rhws, South Glamor-

In the 40 years since the

factory was built five thousand people have been employed there. But only two deaths from asbestos-related disease have been detected, in both cases after many years of expo-sure. There have been no cases of asbestosis, the crippling lung condition; and according to Dr Peter Jones, the works doctor for 25 years, regular chest X-ray examinations have failed to disclose even early signs of the condition in any of the employees.

Dr Jones is also a local general practitioner and has seen no evidence in any former

employees of the plant of ill-tion, admits that 10 years ago ness that he would attribute to the industry did not suffitheir time there. The Asbestos Information Committee, the industry's trade body, took a small party of

journalists to the factory yes-tarday and to the Trist Draver brake and clutch linings factory at Bristol, which has a simitrouble-free record, as part of the continuous effort the committee is making to

With the TCC seeking .. z huge reduction on the maxpermissible levels of dust in the workplace, the in-dustry is, in effect, fighting for It says the cost of the TUC's proposals would prohibit fur-

ther production. Mr Wilfred Penney, a direc-

the industry did not suffi-ciently appreciate the risks: Exposure was still fairly high in some occupations and early deaths arising from those dusty conditions are going to be experienced for many years

The industry argues that such care is taken nowadays to keep the dust to a minimum in controlled factory conditions as negligible proportions. It is resentful that in these circumstances anxiety over aspestos almost amounting to panic'

should have arisen. None of the men or women ith whom I spoke at the two factories seemed to fear for conditions to which they are exposed, although some scienror of TAC, who is chairman tists argue that with a cancer of the asbestos and health causing substance, such as working group of the Asbestos asbestos, no level of exposure can be considered safe.

resentful

After an adept, stylish and attractive campaign, Mr Graham Gopsill, the Liberal candidate in today's by-election at Birmingham, Stechford, was showing signs of weariness yesterday. He agreed that he felt resentful about some of the things that had happened to disrupt the rivthm of his campaign.

ming to end.

"We were very nicely set, but all this sort of business means the voters are so damaed confused at the moment damped confused at the moment people are still undecided only bours from the poll, and I have never known it before. Earlier in the campaign he had said he did not favour the Liberal-Labour arrangement, but then had to change the direction of his campaign, saying with admirable candour about the sinuation. Let's face it, I have to be happy about it.

His first election address did not go out, and his workers had to deliver a shortened version distead of canvassing. Mr Dennis Minnis, the Liberal agent, said leter: "He really meant to use the word 'elec-tion' instead of 'campaign' when saying it was messy. when saying it was messy. From an organization point of

Davis. It read:

know your worth. I look forward to your returning to Westminster at the top of the poll, to represent the people of Suchford with your own brand of common sense and understanding of the people's needs. Best wishes and thanks. Yours sincerely, Jim Callaghan Mr Davis has fought a moderate, sometimes low-key cam-paign, with a mature approach.

He maintained yesterday that Tuesday's Budget had been a responsible move in the right Mr. Andrew MacKay, the Con-

him of Labour voters.

Candidates: T. Davis (Lab); A. MacKay (C): G. A. Gopsili (L): A. Brons (Net. Front): P. Foor (Soc. Worker); B. Haron (Int. Marxist). Marxist). General election: R. R. Jenkins (Lab), 23,075; D. J. Wedgwood (C), 11,152; G. A. Gopsill (L), 5,860; Labour majority, 11,923.

#### Divers 'died after helium error'

Two North Sea oilrig divers died after an injection of helium had caused the decompression chamber of their diving bell to overheat, an inquiry at Aberdeen was told yester

of Blandford Road, Poole, and Mr Roger Baldwin, aged 24, of Court Close, Bridport, both Dorset, died in September, 1975, from heat stroke after using the diving bell from the rig Waage Two, 200 miles off Orkney. Mr Keith Beck, manager of the diving technical support group of Oceaneering Inter-national Services, said they were part of a team of six. The supervisor was Mr Reid Kennedy Arnold, who had left the firm in 1976.

A letter asking him to appear as a witness had been for-warded to his last known address in Canada, but a letter had been received last Friday which said he would not be

Questioned by Mr Ian Kirk-wood, QC, for the relatives of the dead men. Mr Beck agreed that Mr Arnold had played an important part in the circumstances that led to the deaths. Confirming a sequence of events noted in the supervisor's log, leading to a distress call from the rig, he said that in the diving complex there were three chambers: the bell, the entrance lock and main lock. The bell had not been removed, because of what was thought

to be a dangerous leak. If the supervisor saw the pressure fall he must counter-act it as quickly as possible, and would be in jected into the decompression chamber. That would recom-press the men. The inquiry continues today.

#### Proposal to cut deliveries of mail to one a day By Business News Staff

The Post Office said yester day that a suggestion that letter deliveries should be cut to one a day was one of several options put to the Carter Committee investigating the corporation's organization and structure. It was made with other suggestions on the functioning of the Post Office. Since then more up to date evi-dence had been forwarded to the investigating team.

There was no indication yes terday of how much emphasis the corporation has put on this particular item in its evidence, and corporation officials were reluctant to comment on re-ports that the single-delivery system, while saving more than E30m a year, might cost 10,000

Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, condemned the idea: "This is all part of the usual Post Office policy of giving less and less service to the community at a higher and higher price. The UPW is very much opposed to that situation."

Such a move might cost be-tween 7,000 and 8,000 jobs Mr Jackson estimated. "We are not opposed to that in prin-ciple if it was worth while as far as the public is concerned", he said. But he thought the plan would lead to a worse ser-vice.

# 'Lib-Lab' liaison group holds first meeting

fruits of their new arrangement with the Government last night when the "consultative com-mittee" of the two parties met for the first time, in Mr Michael Foot's room at the House of

Home Secretary.

Mr Rees will take the chair when Mr Foot is absent. He has deputized in the past when

European Parliament, which are a crucial part of the Liberal accommodation, they were not on last night's agenda. The Home Secretary's White Paper on the subject will be

out options for conduct of the elections. The favoured solution, against a background of Labour hostility to lengthy boundary redrawing and hostility in much of the party to the whole idea, is for proportional representa-tion by single transferable vote,

The Liberals' haison team consists of Mr Beith, the chief whip, Mr Pardoe, the economics spokesman, and Mr Hooson, who has charge of defence and law. Other ministers and other Liberals will attend the bilateral meetings depending on the issues. Downing Street expects the committee to meet every two or three weeks.

devolution. They want the Bill brought back, with Wales detached and Scotland given income iax and oil revenues.

Before last night's meeting Mr Foot had what was described

By David Leigh Political Staff Tae Liberals tasted the first

commitment to bring in a Bill, and to have a free vote on the method of election. As part of the accommodation Mr Steel has been given a sight of the White. The White Paper has not

The second main constitu-

these meetings, the first of which was only to ratify the arrangements, consists of Mr Foot, Leader of the House. Mr Michael Cocks, Government Chief Whip, and Mr Rees,

Mr Foot was ill and, perhaps more significantly, stands close to the Prime Minister. Although Mr Rees is respon-sible for direct elections to the

published tomorrow and will set

using a party-list system.

The Liberals have extracted a

tional matter on which the Liberals exacted terms was

# as a "long and thorough" meeting with the hierarchies-of the Labour Party in Wales and

Scotland, who travelled from Edinburgh and Cardiff to seek reassurance about what was going on Willan and Mr Morris, the Sccretaries of State for Scotland and Wales respec-The Government team for tively, and with Mr John Smith, the minister hitherto responsible for the detailed work on the devolution Bill, both party

executives later issued a state-They said: "All were agreed that devolution to Scotland and Wales is an absolute commitment both for the Labour Party and the Government. The Government reaffirmed its clear intention to proceed with im-plementing devolution as soon as possible.

The Government agreed to

keep in close touch and to continue in regular consultation with both the Scottish and Welsh councils as their con-sideration of further progress proceeded."

With the semi-coalition and

the fluid state of devolution, an air of backstairs secrecy is per-vading the operations of the Government. The meetings with the Liberals are to be in secret, and the progress report on the Scottish and Welsh Labour talks was less than comprehensive.

Meanwhile, Mr. Norman
Atkinson, the left-wing party,
treasurer, explained to his local.

party in Haringey and to Tor-tenham why the left swallowed the "Lib-Lab" arrangement. Labour MPs were shy of talk. ing about the deal, he said. He The White Paper has not changed because of the deal many hoped it would lead to a with the Liberals: like the more permanent arrangement.

"The remainder, which line are a would be a would lead to a would lead to a would lead to a would be a would lead to a wo suspected that ther was because cludes myself, wished to avoid going to the country prema-turely. That is not to say I and others feared that Labour would lose the election, but because we feared that the content of the manifesto on which we would have fought would have been far less socialist than

even the current programme."

The greatest threat facing Labour, he said, was "the apparent ease with which our own parliamentary leadership wits beneath the ever-mounting pressure coming from multi-national bankers and world leaders who favour social democrat coalition type govern-

# Stechford's weary Liberal is

rhythm of his campaign.
I feel it is a peculiar situa-tion", he said. "It has been a

very messy campaign, and I think one can use the expression that the entire thing has been cocked up from begin

it, I have to be happy about it."

From an organization point of view the campaign has gone very well indeed.

"What we lacked in the early days was people to help. During the past few days we have had several hundreds but at the stage it was a bit too late. That is what has upset him.

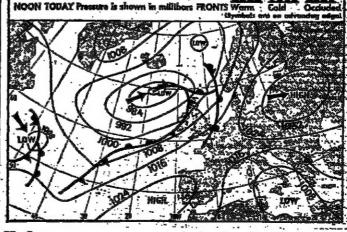
Meanwhile, the Labour camo showed jubilation at the warmth of a handwritten ere-of-pall message from Mr Callaghan to the candidate, Mr Terence Davis. It read:

Davis. It read:
My dear Terry.
I want to congratulate you personally on your houest approach to the Stechford by-election. You have fought for Stechford in true Midlands style. You have been straight. You have not ducked the problems. You have worked hard. You have been dependable. These are the qualities that are respected and admired in the Midlands.
Those of us who were your colleagues in the House of Commons know your worth. I look forward

Mr. Andrew Mackay, the Con-servative candidate, was being modestly optimistic, if those words adequately fit a man of 27 confident of victory she many months of painstaking groundwork and the bonus of a Budget that held little apparant voting appeal for Labour sup-porters. He said canvas returns porters, fie said canvas returns showed a substantial swing to

Body found in Belfast The body of Mr Francis Cassidy, aged 43, was found in west Belfast yesterday. He had been shot in the head and his throat had been cut.

# Weather forecast and recordings



Today 6.39 am 7.32 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 3.17 pm Full Moon : April 4. Lighting up: 8.2 pm to 6.7 am. High water: London Bridge, 11.31
am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 11.59 pm, 5.8m
(19.1ft). Avonmouth, 4.28 am,
10.4m (34.1ft); 5.16 pm, 11.0m
(36.0ft). Dover, 9.5 am, 5.4m
(17.8ft); 9.33 pm, 5.6m (18.5ft).
Hull, 4.0 am, 5.8m (18.9ft); 4.12
pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Liverpool, 9.8
am, 7.7m (25.2ft); 9.41 pm, 7.9m
(26.0ft).

Pressure will be less to (26.0rt).

Pressure will be low to the NW of the British Isles, with a SW airstream covering all districts, bringing troughs of low presure across many parts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE England, East
Anglia: Some bright intervals,
ramer cloudy with occasional
rain; wind SW, moderate or
fresh; max temp 10° or 11°C
(50° to 52°F).
Cemtral, E, SW England, Mid-WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; r, rain ; 6,

max temp 10° (50°F).

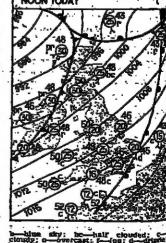
Wales, NW England, Lake District, Iste of Man, SW Scotland: Cloudy, hill and coastal fog, rain, perhaps heavy and prolonged in places; wind SW, strong, locally gale; max temp 9° or 10°C (48° to 50°F).

NE Angland, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly Cloudy, with rain, perhaps few bright Intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Glasgow, Central Highlands Glagow, Central Highlands: Cloudy, hill fog, rain, perhaps heavy and prolonged in places; wind SW; strong, locally gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, hill and coastal fog. rain, perhaps heavy, probably showery later; wind SW. strong or gale; max temp 8° or 9°C (46° to 48°F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland.
Orkney, Shedland: Cloudy, hill and coast fog patches, rain; wind 8 or SW, fresh or strong, max temp 7°C (45°F).

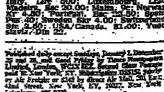


Ontlook for tomorrow, sill

Saturday: Showers or longer spells of rain in many places, especially in N and W, some bright spells also, normal temp-Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S or SW, strong to gale force, severe gales in places; sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 7°C (45°F); msn, 7 pm to 7 am, 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 41 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nfl. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 5.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,025.0 militbars, seady, 1,025.0 militbars = 29.53in.





#### workers for skills, restore differentials and allow for the introduction of productivity bargaining. Without such a relaxation, he added, "I shall be in difficulty restraining the steel workers". If the analysis reward steel workers steel workers at the court on drug charges after police raids. If the strike continued it The man, from west London, would deprive the motor, was remanded in custody until domestic appliance and con-struction industries of sheet spiring to contravene the steel, and the Trostre and Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971.

Psychopaths 'made weapons in workshop' Two dangerous psychopaths made and hid a store of weapons in a workshop at Scot-land's top-security mental hospital at Carstairs, Strathclyde, a public inquiry at Lanark was told yesterday.

Staff who searched the workshop after Thomas McCulloch and Robert Mone had killed three men in a break-out on November 30 found two homemade garrottes concealed behind a drawer in Mr McCulloch's workbench, the inquiry was told. They also found that a knife in a toolbox had been replaced with a dummy replaced with a dummy. It was not until a second search that they found a piece of wood, which seemed to form part of some shelving, but which was bollowed out to con-

ceal a crude sword made from a woodwork clamp.

were working together in the paintshop, Mr Thomas Latimer, occupational officer, said.

A small hatchet, recovered after the men had been recaptured, could have been made in 10 minutes on a buffing machine in the adjoining woodwork workshop, he added.

Mr Latimer was giving and.

woodwork workshop, he added.

Mr Latimer was giving evidence on the eighth day of the inquiry into the escape. The two men have been jailed for the rest of their natural lives, Mr McCulloch for all three murders and Mr Mone for the murder of the policeman.

Mr Latimer said Mr Mone Mr Latimet said Mr Mone and Mr McCulloch often

Although, at the request of the police, the staff searched also for a masterkey mould and two toy guns, they were never found. Mr Mone and Mr McCulloch had made the wear pous undetected while they were working together in the paintshop, Mr Thumas Latimer, occupational officer, said.

A small hatchet, recovered after the men had been recaptured, could have been made He agreed with Mr Donald Robertson, QC, for the Scottish Prison Officers' Association, that he and the men in his

department were strictly amateurs as far as security was concerned end had no nursing experience.
Since the break-out there had been a change of procedures in the workshop. There was a half-day search every

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# HOME NEWS Cary Independent study of poor school performance iberal is by blacks in Britain urged by committee By Craig Seton By Craig Seton

inquiry should be set up into the causes of under-achievement by West Indian children in British schools, a report published yesterday recommends. It suggests that poor school standards and the increasing alienation of young blacks are at the core of difficulties experienced by Britain's West Indian community, who number about half a million.

The report, published by the select Committee on Race Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, states that discrimination is widespread, particularly in widespread, particularly in cemployment, and that there is a growing tendency for some West Indians to seek rather than to avoid confrontation. The persistence of discrim-

ination has led to a sharp deterioration in race relations, it says, a nd has caused an upsurge of crude racialism and the growth of organized racia-list groups and has provoked the activity of West Indian

The report criticizes successivee governments for failing to implement past recommendainos to prevent a further detentoration in race relations.

Mr Fre Willey, a former Labour housing minister who is chairman of the committee, said at a press conference yes-terday: "We have got to accept that the point of ten-sion is that of the young blacks who are finding that although they are British ciri rens it is a positive disadvantage to be born black'. The report calls for action to

had received disturbing evidence of the demoralization of the West Indian community caused by disappointment that the committee's past recom-mendations had been largely

It says: "The West Indian community have made it clear that they are looking for, and need, more than a sympathetic understanding of their prob-lems and difficulties: they expect, and are entitled to expect, positive and effective action."

disregarded.

Crion.
Young blacks, it says, mesent a critical challenge. Their alienation cannot be proved and action must be ignored and action must taken before race relations deteriorate further and creats irreconcilable division.

West Indians are seriously disturbed at the high proportion of their children in schools for the educationally subnormal, the report says. "The committee consider that the relative under-achievement of West Indian children seriously affects their employot prospects and is a matter of major importance in educaor major importance in confectional terms and in the context of race relations. They regard the assumption of its continuance as unacceptable."

The committee suggests that figures of West Indian children attending ESN schools should be carefully monitored and that the Department of Education and Science should issue a new circular advising chef education officers of the importance of remedial teaching in schools and the need for

Measures should be taken to improve the teaching of literacy and numeracy in pri-

schools with large rs of West Indian mary schools numbers of pupils, as it was found that such children were already it was found that behind indigenous children in reading standards at the age of

Special attention should be paid to the needs of black children by teachers in secondary schools and ways should be found to increase the numger of West Indian teachers. The Government is urged to

investigate the success of measures it finances to combat racial disadvantage and to issue guidance to local authorities on their responsibilities.

The committee found there was still widespread discrimination against West Indians in employment, not only in recruitment but also to extent in promotion.

The report says: "Employment problems are the most serious of the problems confronting young blacks. It is on leaving school that many face teaving school mar many lace the consequences of education-seeking a job that they fre-quently face rejection seem-ingly simply because they are all under-achievement. It is on black. These problems are made worse by large-scale unemployment."

Having heard from the ome Office that evidence available does not form a basis for firm conclusions about West Indians and crime, the committee says: "There is no committee says: "There is no evidence available to justify any firm conclusions about the

police and West Indians are poor, the report says, and the Homee Office should invite the Commission for Racial Equality to set up a working party, involving both the police and

continuing unsatisfactory rela-The committee recommends at the Home Office Research Unit, which is investigating West Indian crime in London should submit its report to the Metropolitan Police and the Commission for Racial Equality, who should then report to the Home Secretary. In evidence the Metropolitan Police had accepted that present relations between the police and young West Indians constituted

West Indians, to examine the

The committee says it seems to be established that there is some harassment of West In-dians and difficulties are made worse by the small number of West Indians in the police force. In the Metropolitan Police there are only 29 officers of West Indian or African origin.

The Home Office is urged to study the recruitment of West

Indians to police forces and to issue guidance to help increase the number.
The Government and local authorities, the report says, should encourage the recruit-ment of more West Indians into the social services and as elections. child-minders

parents. Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration: The West Indian Community, Vol 1 (Stationary Office, £1.35).

#### Man in the news: Ideally suited to guide British companies through a period of upheaval

# PLR champion is publishers' new leader

Literary Editor

It is difficult to think of a man better suited to be presi-dent of the Publishers Association at this time. Mr Graham C. Greene, who takes on this influential job today for two years, is already at 40 the managing director of Jonathan Cape, one of the most distin-guished firms in the trade. He the youngest president of the association since its inception 80 years ago and starts with the added advantage of birth, being the son of Sir Hugh Greene, former Director-General of the BBC and chairman of the Bodley Head, and nephew of his namesake, the author of Brighton Rock and Our Man in Havana. Our Man in Havana.

He has proved to be an adventurous publisher in his own right. Already this year he has been responsible for Cape's bringing out Joe Haines's The Politics of Power and David Marquand's biography of Ramsay MacDonald. His authors have also included three former Labour ministers three former Labour ministers and one Conservative, Richard Crossman, Anthony Crosland, Dick Taverne and Lord Windlesham, and Foreign Secre-taries present and past, David Owen and Patrick Gordon Walker. He is a member of the abour Party and has been a candidate in Chelsea borough

His political contacts will be of great importance, for Bri-tish publishing is faced with a big upheaval in its traditional overseas markets as a result of an American anti-trust suit and the threat of dumping by some American publishers after a new interpretation of EEC

"I fear I shall be spending tore time in Brussels than here", he says. "The Ameri-



Mr Greene: Adventurous publisher in own right.

cans have nothing to lose With a vast home market, overseas sales are their jam. the other hand, British publishing relies on foreign markets. Without these the markets. Without these the whole industry is at risk." At home, Mr Greene has

been a long-standing champion of public landing right, with an emphasis on the right. Be-tween 1970 and 1972 he was a member of two working parties set up by the Arts Council and the Paymaster General. "It is not a welfare hand-out for indigent authors", he in-sists. "I shall continue to work for its introduction." As a first

change in the copyright law to make the lending of books comparable to the performing right in music. He insists that PLR will be enacted ultimately, despite the squabbling in recent years.
"We should have had PLR by
now if it had not been for the

antagonism the different fac-

Closure of mental hospitals in 15 years

Once it is law, he believes that publishers and all connected with the book trade must pro-mote book borrowing, not just book buying, as a means to greater prosperity for authors and publishers. We have the library system in the world. Let us aim to make it even better."

Other sections of the book trade will find Mr Greene ready to discuss mutual problems with an openness of min not always associated with the Publishers Association. But runnshers Association. But whereas previous presidents have often been elder statesmen, able and prepared to take time off from their companies for their two years of office, Mr Greene has no intention of neglection to the companies to the comp tention of neglecting his duties at Jonathan Cape.

Educated at Eton and University College, Oxford, with a brief spell as a merchant banker, Mr Greene has spent his whole career in publishing. He began with Secker and Warburg, where he became sales manager, and moved to Jonathan Cape in 1962.

His financial background his concern for the welfare of Cape and other med-ium-sized literary publishers in the changing economic climate of the 1960s led to the formation of 'a holding company in which two other firms, Chatto and Windus and the Bodley Head, have a third share each. Head, have a third share each.
Only this week he returned from Australia, where he was involved in setting up a publishing house for the group.
His predecessor as association president, Mr Peter Allsop, of Associated Book Publishers, becomes vice-president. The new treasurer will be Mr. step he will be satisfied with a

The new treasurer will be Mr Frank Whitehead, of Macmil-

fessional people involved accountable directly to parents, as well as to their professional bodies and superiors, must be given the highest priority. Parents should be given freedom of choice of access to all facilities and should his able

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to go to the Department of Health and the Department of

Education and Science if dis-

The association argues that

basic-grade nurses should have far preser responsibility for the day-to-day running of wards in hospitals for the mentally handicapped. The present

hierarchical system seems to

militate against efficient ward

management and should be

# In brief

#### Churches in fight for schools

The Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church have combined in an attempt to save 11 list D (formerly approved) schools from being taken over by regional authori-

In a joint submission to Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, they suggest that where appropriate, voluntary managers should work with the authorities to preserve the schools' Christian character.

#### Soviet filming visit

Soviet television cameramen are to film a space-tracking station operated by pupils at Kettering Boys' School, Northamptonshire, today. The unit, which has gained international recognition for its work in tracking satellites, will be fee tured in a documentary Soviet television,

#### Big Ben repairs

Repairs to the chiming mechanism of Big Ben will be completed by early May, a Commons written reply said yesterday. The clock will be stopped from midday on April 4 until about midday on April 17 while replacement parts are

#### Murder charge

Robert Thomas Robb, aged
Robert Allog, Central Region, was remanded in custody at Alloa Sheriff Court, yesterday, charged with the murder of Miss Margaret Norman, aged 71, of Alva, last week.

#### Nine years for rapist

Patrick Thomas Tighe, aged nurse while under the influence of LSD, was sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday to nine years' imprison-

#### Fire at Sotheby's

Fire broke out at Sotheby's in New Bond Street, London, yesterday, but antiques and paintings escaped damage. The suctioneers said electrical apparatus was believed to be responsible.

#### Call to protect goats

The Snowdonia National Park Committee decided yesterday to ask the Nature Conservancy press for the wild goats of Snowdonia to be made a protected species by law.

#### Restrictions lifted

Almost all restrictions on inland waterway cruising imposed during last year's drought are to be lifted from Saturday, the British Waterways Board announced yesterday.

#### Police reject TUC

Hertfordshire police officers strike but rejected by 774 votes to 261 a suggestion that the Police Federation should join

#### Drive to encourage more power bill discount claims

Social Services Correspondent Fewer than half the expected number of pensioners and poor families have applied for a dis-count on their winter electricity bills under the Government's £25m scheme to help them, A new publicity campaign will be iaunched today to encourage more claims from the 2,680,000 people believed to be eligible for help.

By March 18 only 238,000 By March 18 only 238,000 people had claimed their discounts, which entials them to a quarter off their bills during the February to April meterreading quarter. The average discount has been £5 or £7. The scheme applies to people receiving supplementary benefit or family income supplement who pay directly for their Mr Cumingham, Under Secratary of State for Energy, pointed out yesterday that the discount can still be claimed even if people have peid their bills, but the scheme will stop

at the end of June. cent take-up, but we want to see a much greater take-up of the discount scheme than has happened yet", he said.

Spectacular

Roman plate

The Antioch Chalice was

yesterday and the Hermitage

Museum in Leningrad had not

seen eye to eye with the British Museum over the objects it was expected to provide.

bedavil every big exhibition the British Museum's speciacu-

cluding VIPs and scholars from all over the world, and runs until October 1.

Mr Kenneth Peinter, deputy keeper of prehistoric and Romano-British antiquities, was

A survey of public attitudes

But in spite of the snags that

show of

By Our Arts Reporter

fuel boards, the second main plank of Government measures to help the poor with their heating costs in winter, has proved more successful, at least in London. Mr Cunningham visited the London Electricity Board headquarters yesterday and found that disconnexions had dropped by nine-tenth dropped by nine-tenths the code was introduced

est December. In Jacuary and February this year only 200 London house-holds had their electricity supply disconnected, compared supply disconnected, compared with 2,200 in the same months last year. But board officials expect disconnexions to rise again in June, when the ban on disconnecting pensioner house-holds is lifted.

Mr Cumningham said he had been told that some people were sheltering behind the code. Board officials said that some wealthy pensioners, in-cluding retired brigadiers, were refusing to pay their bills because they knew there was a total ban on disconnecting pensioners living alone. The code has also caused a of Londoners paying for their electricity through easy-pay-

#### Private-school campaign to help needy children

Education Correspondent

A campaign to give children from disadvantaged homes a boarding education in Britain's private schools is to be launched shortly by Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader.

A pilot scheme, which has so far placed 18 children under the age of 11 in preparatory schools suggests that hundreds of children are in need now that state boarding schools, like Ottershaw in Surrey, are having to close.

The children have been

placed under a scheme started in 1973 by the Joint Education-el Trust, of which Sir Douglas is chairman. The trust was set up by the Incorporated Asso-ciation of Preparatory Schools. Parents of other children at more than a dozen preparatory schools have agreed to pay £1 extra on their school fees so that heavily subsidized or free places can be given to children from distressed homes. Some other schools have made free

places available. children have referred to the trust by local authorities and by social headquarters. The trust is run by Mr Raymond Cooper, former headmaster of The Hall pre-paratory school, Hampstead, London, from his home, Bird-bush Cottage, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Mr Cooper said: "We are the only trust of our kind helping children under the age of 11." They had had to refuse help to four out of every five children referred to them, but were going to ask all the independent schools for financial

#### Local authority to meet head teachers

Mr Thomas McManners, Lancashire education authority's principal adviser, is holding 14 meetings of head teachers and college principals to discuss the topics covered by the Govern-ment's national debate on education and the transfer of children from primary to secondary schools (our Education Correspondent writes).

secondary schools are examin-ing their curriculum in association with county advisers and her Majesty's Inspectors. recommended to royal commission people, and families are scat-tered, they lack political force-fulness. That has led to decades By John Roper Health Services Correspondent

Most hospitals for the mentally handicapped should be closed and the responsibility for care transferred to local authority social and educational services, Mind, the National Association for Mental Health, has told the Royal Commission on the National Health Service. In its evidence, published yesherday, Mind says that if the commission were to support a programme of closing big, remotely situated hospitals and many wards in urban areas in the next fifteen years, large sums of money could be saved. The resources could be used for extending community care, which studies have shown to be less costly.

Doctors, nurses and other hospital staff should be re-trained for a new role in the community as peripatetic men-The association urges commission to recognize gnaze that relatively because there are relatively few mentally bandicapped

Mr Tony Smythe, director of

Mind, said yesterday that although the needs of the handicapped are now fairly well understood, they are still not being met. Families caring at home are left "to stew". Many hospitals are not fit to live or work in and fall far short of civilized standards. The tendency is still to dump and forget the mentally handi-Mind says the mentally handi-

capped should be removed from the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959. The service for them should be provided by integrating social service department, local edu-cation authority and health service facilities. Within comprehensive community proviofficial status on the governing bodies of hostels and day care

New regulations

and training centres.

for safety

Correspondent -

of oil heaters

By Our Consumer Affairs

New regulations for the

safety of portable oil heaters

come into operation today. They have been made under

the Consumer Protection Act

1961, and apply to all second-

hand and new appliances suitable for domestic use and offered for sale in Britain.

In addition to embodying the

comprehensive safety require-

ments in existing regulations the new ones require all heaters (other than those designed to operate only when fixed to a rigid support) to have a self-extinguishing facility so that if they are overturned while

alight they are automatically extinguished within 15 seconds. Other requirements relate to

construction, design and safe performance. They cover stab-ility, the limitation of fuel spillage on overturning, control of the emission of carbon mon-

oxide, surface remperature, operation when not on a level

surface, fire risk and safe per-formance in a draught. Oil heaters must in fusine bear specific warnings.

Mind says the commission should make clear that it is the basic right of all mentally handicapped children to remain with their families and

Services

# Workers have moved out of holiday camp, judge told

tin's Central Beach holiday camp at Frestaryn, Clwyd, have moved out, Mr Justice Foster was told in the High Court yesterday. He made an order giving Pontin possession of the camp after Mr Richard Scott, QC, their counsel, had said the company feared the men might

When Mr Scott asked for E500 towards the possession order proceedings, the judge said: "The going rate in my court at the moment is £100", and awarded that amount.

The judge accepted an assurance given by Mr David Alteras, for Mr Barry Scragg, the strikers' leader, and some of his men, that they would not reenter the camp without consent, and made an order in similar terms against the rest of the 85 men alleged to have taken part in the occupation.

He also ordered the men not

to enter without permission any other of Pontin's 23 camps or Oxford Street showroom. The injunctions are effective until the tried of an action Pontin's is bringing against the men, or further court order.

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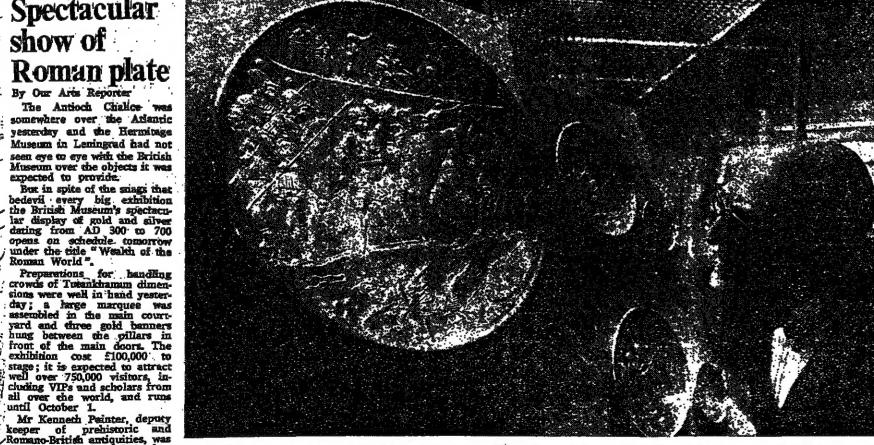
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One of the silver "David and Goliath" plates in the "Wealth of the Roman World" exhibition at the British Museum.

awaiting the arrival of the last consignment from the Metro-politan Museum, New York, which includes the Antioch Eleven objects had to be changed but Mr Painter was happy yesterday that the substituted articles were all of "absolutely top quality". Chalice. The objects were being accompanied by museum officials, who have put their exhibits in position themselves. "We went to the Hermitage for 15 objects and came back with 15", Mr Painter said. "But Of all the 873 exhibits the one that most thrilled Mr Painter was a Sassanian silver they were horror-stricken when they saw our list because it did not coincide with theirs." dish with a figure of Cybele, depicted as a nude woman rid-ing a lion, with an attendant

and surrounded by six smaller medallions illustrating animals. On the reverse is a Sogdian inscription of the sixth to seventh century AD giving the name Farnach and the weight. What makes it a particular rarity and expresses the theme of the exhibition is that the dish was the property of a Sogdian in Central Asia

found its way north into central Russia, where it had been buried, possibly in some buried, possibly in some moment of danger, and was eventually unearthed with an-other Sassanian dish in 1886. "Wealth of the Roman World 3 will not be open to the public on Monday mornings after April 25 during term-time

to 2 pm is reserved for school parties booking in advance. There are special arrangements with British Rail to bring the

parties to London and inquiries should be made to the museum's education service. The general admission charge is 50p for adults and 20p for children and senior citizens.

# Kill more deer,

Scottish landowners are advised in an official report issued yesterday to kill more red deer because otherwise they face death through starvation in a hard winter.

The annual report of the Red Deer Commission estimates the number of red deer in Scotland at 270,000, after a series of relatively mild winters.

#### Majority against new nuclear stations viewed would do nothing to stop the building of a nuclear. By Our Science Editor

on the development of nuclear power showed that two people regard it as something that had out of three think that more to be lived with. A similarly large majority put their confidence in scieneffort to conserve coal, oil and gas and to develop alternative tists, believing that nuclear supplies of energy is preferable. power stations are reasonably to building atomic power safe and feeling that the mil-lion-to-one likelihood of a serious nuclear accident is an Nevertheless, this poll of 1,081 adults, aged 18 and over, conducted by Opinion Research Centre for the magazine New acceptable price to pay if a reliable, cheap source of energy

is available. Society, published today, shows There were some missivings about the risks now being distolerance rowards the cussed about the storage of possible expansion of nuclear long-lived radioactive waste, Doubts about safety were reflec-

ted more frequently by women than men. power station within 10 miles There were also many people of their homes. They would with doubts about the burial as sea or deep underground of wastes that would remain active for many centuries. Some respondents thought that the pos-sible theft of plutonium or

liberties.

sabotage of a nuclear installation were strong enough reasons to halt the building of more nuclear plants. On the other hand, there was concern about associated developments, such as the recent creation of the armed police force within the Atomic Energy Ambority, and security measures that might infringe civil

#### Television might moderate violence, executive says By a Stoff Reporter

A television news executive suggested last night that television coverage of violent actions and their consequences might ultimately have a moder-ating effect by increasing revulsion against them.

Mr David Nicholas, deputy ditor of Independent Television News, delivering one of a series of lectures organized by the Independent Broadcast ing Authority, also asked whether, far from accepting violence in society, we in fact found it more shocking than formerly.. .

He recalled the many instances of violent civil disorder that took place in Britain in 1911 with the comment: "There were not too many outside broadcast units or news film teams to blame for fomenting the strife or threatening the reasonable society'.

"It is inconceivable now that disorder of the kind I have des-cribed would take place before the unblinking eye of the news camera, if only because the perpetrators, on whichever side, would be mindful of how they would alienate public sympathy for their cause

#### Oil Heaters (Safety) Regula-tions, 1977 (Stationery Office, 12p). Wreckage sent

for naval tests

Wreckage from the Gaul, the Hull trawler that was lost with-out trace in February, 1974 was being seet to Portsmouth last night for examination by Admiralty marine biologists. Parts of a life-raft container from the Gaul were brought up in the nets of another Hull trawler, the Marbella, off the Norwegian coast early this

According to trawler reports the debris was found in very deep water near where the Gaul was last reported.

# report says

#### Dismissed workers who for four days had occupied Poncamp at Prestatyn, Clwyd, have

move back.

#### HOME NEWS-

# Government orders investigation of tea price increases

By Hugh Clayton
Mr Hattersley, Secretary of
State for Prices and Consumer
Protection, who cancelled the
ten subsidy six months ago,
called yesterday for an investiarion of subsequent price rises. cation of subsequent price rises. He said he wanted "an authoritative check that consumers are not being exploited.

Imports, packing ad distribution will be examined by the Price Commission, which is making a similar study of

Mr Hattersley said he wanted the rea investigation to cover particularly the recent sharp rises in world prices. His announcement should not be assumed to indicate that he thought traders were profiteering he added.

. Rise due on May 1.

ining claims from tea packers for increases of 27p a pound. They would cover an auction price of about £2 a kilogram. Prices have risen this month almost to £2.70.

Mr Eustace Crawley, managing director of Jackson's Teachers, and Jackson's Teachers and Jackson's Teachers and Jackson's Teachers and Jackson's Teachers.

ing director of Jackson's Teas, said: "At the end of April we are going to have to make a very substantial increase. I very substantial increase. I would think there would have to be another one shortly afterwards." He did not expect auction prices to fall below £2 a kilogram, compared with little more than £1 at the start of

the year.

The tea sub: diary was introduced 2! years ago and last year was estimated to save 3p a week on the food bill of an "average household" of three The commission is also exampeople.

PRICE CHANGES ON A QUARTER-POUND OF TEA								
PG Tips	Aug 12½p	Oct 16‡p	Dec 18p	Jan	Mar 20‡p	April 27p	Summer " inevitable rise"	
Со-ор " 99 "	10½p	14 <u>1</u> p	16}p	17p	19 <u>;</u> p	28p	" unavoidable	
Jackson's "Earl Grey"	21p	24p		302		345	44p	

#### Bacon industry appeals for price and subsidy rises

By Our Agricultural

Correspondent Bucon curers said yesterday that they needed higher prices and farmers needed a higher subsidy on pigs. Mr Bill Newton-Clare, chairman of the Bacon and Meat Manufacturers' Association, said the present subsidy of about £3.50 a pig or £1m a week was about half of what farmers needed to break even. He was announcing a cam-poign by his company, FMC, to meet aggressive Danish compe-tition for a dwindling British bacon market. "British bacon, when compared with Danish, has lacked lustre", he told an audience of farmers and grocers in London. The industry needed higher prices nearer to those sound charged by Denmark to en- pound

courage output of a better British product.

Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union. about EEC farm prices had damaged the already unsteady foundation of the British pig industry. Monetary anomalies between the United Kingdom and the Irish republic had forced the Government to pay a subsidy to persuade Northern Ireland farmers not to sell pigs over the border.

Cheaper potatoes: "Sharp falls" in prices were reported by the Potato Marketing Board yesterday. It quoted a mini-mum price for small potatoes of 4p a pound and said that large homegrown tubers could be acound for as little as 6p a

#### Police in Ince case are cleared

By Clive Borrell Crime Correspondent

George Ince, who is serving 15-year prison sentence in Wormwood Scrubs, London, for his part in a £400,000 bullion robbery in Essex five years ago, was told yesterday that the Director of Public Prosecutions can find no evidence on which to bring criminal proceedings against certain police officers who helped to convict him.

The Home Secretary is, however, reviewing the papers in his case and is expected in the next 10 days to decide Mr Ince's future.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, has received many petitions in the last six months from "Free George Ince" campaigners calling for his freedom and a pardon because of alleged mistaken identity

identity. Several MPs have also taken up his plea and I understand that Mr Rees has taken deep personal interest in the case. He has also been reminded that Ince, having served a third of his sentence, may soon be considered for parole.

Mr John Duke, Deputy Chief Constable of Essex, said yes-terday: "The Director of Pub-lic Prosecutions has informed the chief constable, after considering the West Yorkshire ream inquiry report into complaints of George Ince, that the evidence is insufficient to justify the institution of criminal proceedings against any of the Essex police officers involved in the Mountnessing bullion robbery inquiry. Sir John Nightingale, the chief constable, will be considering any other issues arising from the inquiry."

In February, 1975, Det Chief Supt Ronald Sills, of West Yorkshire police, was appointed to investigate complaints about the conduct of the investigation after the arrest of Mr Ince for the bullion robbery at Mount-

nessing.

After the inquiry a senior detective in the bullion investigation was transferred to uniform duty.

#### Former mayor cleared on deception charge

Thomas Melville John, aged 45, a former Mayor of Port Talbot. West Glamorgan, was cleared at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court on Tuesday of obtaining money by deception by claiming attendance allowauces from two councils at the

Judge Griffiths, QC, directed the Jury to acquit Mr John, because the prosecution had not that he acted dis-

Mr John, of Cwmclais Road, Civmafon, mayor in 1971-72, dened six charges of obtaining £10 attendance allowances from Afon council between May, 1974, and February, 1975. The prosecution allegtd that Mr John claimed 41 allowances from Afon Borough Council after making claims for the same days to West Glamorgan County Council, of which he

Was also a member.
Mr John agreed, but said he feit entitled to dual claims be-cause he did different work for both councils on the same

against public spending cuts and for a better grant system.
The National Union of

Students conference rejected demands from the Conserva-tives and the Ultra Left for

more direct action in the grant

campaign and priority for abolishing discretionary awards in favour of mandatory ones. The conference also rejected a plea from Miss Veronica McClarey, of Middlesex Poly-

technic, to seek grants index-linked against inflation.

At a press conference later, Mr Christopher Morgan, the

NUS treasurer, denied that the

union was getting into debt. He said its finances were "firm

and sound".

The union has been debating

its financial affairs privately after the collapse of its travel company last year. It has sold

Three more people were arrested under the Misuse of

Drugs Act last night after fur-ther police raids in Mid Wales, Newtown police said.

Drug Act arrests

Students back continued

Students voted yesterday to the company and received continue their union campaign enough to cover its main debts.

spending cuts campaign

#### Mr Shore urged to spread inner-city aid nationally

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent -

A deputation from the Association of District Councils told Mr Shore, Secretary of State

sized that difficulties of housing equal severity to towns and cities in the non-metropolitan areas, such as Nottingham, Hull, Bristol and Leicester. Com-mander Lock urged the Government to tackle the difficulties on a national basis.

Mr Shore, who has listened to other local authority associ-ations on the matter before the publication of a White Paper expected next month, would not be drawn on the details of the distribution of the £100m for

inner-city construction work announced in the Budget.

The association, hoping that the £100m is extra to any local government allocation of funds in order to help the construcfor the Environment, yesterday that aid to the inner-city a east should not be confined to the main conurbations.

Led by Commander Duncan

Lock, chairman, they empha-

The Association of County ouncils, which also saw Mr Shore, argued that if the Government wished to go ahead with special policies for inner-city areas finance should be met not from a redistribution of rate-support and other local government grants but specifically from other central government expenditure.

Government's should be to produce a dis-tribution of the rate-support grant that fairly reflected the needs of all and not some selected areas, the ACC said.

#### Cold warning at council swimming pool

Attendances have fallen at a

Delegates to the union con-ference at Blackpool were told council-owned indoor swimming pool at Fauldhouse, Lothian, since the water temperature was by Mr Alan Walters, a full-time worker for the campaign against a criminal trespass law, dropped to reduce costs in the coal-tired heating system. that such legislation would effectively make all forms of occupation, sir-in and some Mr Stephen Barr, the mana-ger, has posted a notice to warn parents that babies and young forms of picketing illegal.

Hardship cash: Manchester
University has set aside an
initial £100,000 for a hardship children should not stay more than 15 minutes in the water. "After that time they will suf-fer from mild exposure", he

fund to help students badly affected by the latest increases in tuition fees (our Education orrespondent writes). Fees for some home and overseas students have been increased from next-September. In a statement yesterday the university expressed regret at the proposed high level of ruition fees and promised to help all those eligible for aid abrough hardship.

Veterinary services Restrictions on advertising by veterioary surgeons may be relaxed, subject to certain restraints, it was announced in the Commons yesterday.

There also appears to be in-

who wish to promote gambling, or are employed in it, or take

rion between governments and,

where they exist, authorities responsible for gambling

The report goes on to refer

to the question of illegal gam-

ing, which raises serious prob-lems of law and order. It is

lems of law and order. It is usually organized by criminals

or those on the fringes of the criminal underworld, it says.

Law enforcement in that area

#### Film-safety plan to continue

The British Film Institute is to spend part of its £3.48m government grant for 1977-78 on its 24-year programme of transferring dangerous nitrate film on to safety stock (our Arts Reporter writes).

The grant includes a special allocation of £300,00 for storing nitrate films, which the institute says, suffer from irreversible chemical decomposition

#### Warning over multinational gambling

controls."

By Marcel Berlins A warning about the dangers of multinational gambling activities has been given by the Gaming Board in its annual report for 1976 and in accompanying comments by its out-noing chairman, Sir Stanley

Raymond. Sir Stanley says he regards foreign involvement in gambling by licensed operators in Britain, and the possible emerg-ence of multinational gambling enterprises, as the "next big problem which governments and enforcement agencies such as the Gaming Board will have

to tackle". If allowed to develop, he contipued, such activities would constitute "an undesirable mix creating new and difficult prob-lems of vetting, supervision, control and inspection ". The board's report says that

# international aspects of gambl- and attracting little public

support. Several countries have legalized or are considering creasing movement across national boundaries of those legalizing casino gaming, in order to eradicate difficulties associated with illegal gaming, to raise revenue and to attract part in it as gamblers.

"A new dimension is thus imparted into gambling operations and control which calls for close liaison and consulta-

It is clear that such develop-ments, together with the in-creasingly rapid movement of people around the world, will require greater vigilance to ensure that international criminals do not infikrate legi-timate enterprises, the report

On other matters within its orbit, the Gaming Board says that generally gaming in Britain seems to have stabilized, and that demand is being met. Report of the Gaming Board of is notoriously difficult, making Great Britain, 1976 (Stationery heavy demands on police time Office, 90p).

#### WEST EUROPE











The ins and outs of M Raymond Barre's new Government (from left) : M Michel Poniatowski (out) ; M Robert Galley (retains Cooperation) ; M Louis de Guiringaud (still Foreign Minister) ; M Jean Lecannet (out) ; M Yvon Bourges (still at Defence) ; and M Olivier Guichard (out).













M René Haby (retains Education); M Alain Peyrefitte (newcomer at Justice); M Michel d'Ornano (switched to Culture and Environment); Mme Simone Veil (still at Health); M Jean-Pierre Fourcade (still at Equipment); and M Christian Bonnet (switched to Interior).

# New Government strengthens the position of M Barre

aris, March 30 M Raymond Barre, who was reappointed Prime Minister by President Giscard d'Estaing yesterday, submitted his list of new ministers to the President

this afternoon. As expected, three senior ministers in M Barre's former Cabinet are dropped in the interests of Government unity.
They are M Michel Poniatowski, M Jean Lecanuet and M
Ulivier Guichard.

There are only two new-comers in the 15-man team: M Alain Peyrefitte, a diplomar, writer and former minister of General de Gaulle, who becomes Justice Minister; and M René Monory, a senator and a seasoned politician, who is appointed Minister for Indus-

Try and Commerce.

The dropping of the three senior ministers was one of the conditions on which M Barremisted if he were to form a new Cabinet and his wish was granted by the President. The Prime Minister wished to put

into the Government, impairing its image and disrupting its activity.

But it must have been a tough decision for M Giscard d'Estaing to sacrifice M Poniarowski, his most intimate friend and adviser, even though the former Interior Minister's authursts and blunders had apparently begun to undermine his standing in the President's

Two lesser ministers defeated in the recent municipal elec-tions—M Michel Durafour, the former Minister-Delegate Finance, and M Pierre Brousse, the former left-wing Radical Socialist senator converted to the Government Majority as Minister for Trade and Crafts were also dropped. They had submitted their resignations to the President last week.

But M Michel d'Ornano, the former Minister for Industry and the Government's unsucces ful candidate in the election for Mayor of Paris, who is another close friend of the President's, has retained his Government sters "who introduced personal new ministry com and party political rivalries and environment. post. He is put in charge of a new ministry combining culture

Some ministers switch posts. M Christian Bonnet, who takes over the key portfolio of the Interior, has made his mark as an able and energetic Minister of Agriculture since M Giscard d'Estaing took office. It will be his task to organize the Majority's victory in the parliamentary elections of March, 1978, the overriding objective of this second Barre Govern-

The Gaullists are proportionally stronger in this Government than in the last, with the same number of ministers in a smaller team. This, together with M Poniatowski's departure, should help to pave way for a reconciliation between M Giscard d'Estaing and M Jacques Chirac, the new Mayor of Paris and leader of the Gaullist Rassemblement.

But the authority of M Barre himself receives a powerful boost with today's changes; most of the new ministers were chosen by him, not by the President; he is rid of the quarrelsome triumvirate of the Independent Republican M Ponistowski, the centrist M Lecanuet and the Gaullist M Guichard; should provide a few pointers.

and he is now at the head of a close-knit team. It was, he told reporters as he left Elysée Palace today, a "fight-ing Government".

Now that his second Cabinet has been launched, its ability to hold course depends in the first place on the kind of response ir obtains from M

Chirac and his Gaullist Rassemblement. So far, the only straws in the wind are the smile of M Chirac's face after his meetings with the President and with the Prime Minister, and the positive reactions of Gaullist parliamentarians gathered at Les Baux-de-Provence for a two-day seminar. Provence for a two-day seminar.

The new Mayor of Paris, who was due to speak to them today, has postponed his appearance until tomorrow. He wanted to know first what sort of list M Barre was going to produce, and the broad lines of the 12-month programme which his party, by a vote of confidence in both Houses of Parliament, would be called on to endorse next month. President Giscard next month. President Giscard d'Estaing, at the first meeting

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance: Raymond Barre (non-

party). Justice: Alain Peyrefitte (Gaul-list). Foreign Affairs: Louis de Guiringaud (non-party). Interior: Christian Bonne Defence: Yvon Bourges (Gaul Cooperation: Robert Galley (Gaulkst). Michel D'Ornano (Ind Rep), Minister-Delegate for Economy and Finance: Robert Boulin

(Gaullist). Equipment: Jean-Pierre Four-cade (Ind Rep). Education: René Haby (nonparty).
Agriculture: Pierre Mehaignerie (Centrist).
Industry and Commerce: René
Monory (Centrist).
Labour: Christian Beullet (non-

party). Health and Social Security: Mme Simone Veil (200-party). Foreign Trade: André Rossi Leading article, page 15

#### EEC dashes Britain's hope of developing | Greek Cypriots gloomy on unlimited power from hydrogen atom genuinely wished to do so. It Fifteen of the team of 58

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 30

Britain's high hopes of being chosen as the site for the EEC's ambitious experimental thermonuclear fusion project, the Joint European Torus (Jet), were drastically reduced, if not irreparably dashed, at an all-night meeting of research min-isters of the Nine which ended here today at 4.30 am.

The Council of Ministers has now made five abortive attempts in 18 months to agree on a site for the £70m project. which could open the way to the development of cheap, clean and virtually unlimited sup-plies of nuclear generated electricity in the early part of the next century.

According to informed sources, Mr Gerald Kaufman, informed Minister of State for Industry, whose chairmanship of last whose charmanship of last night's meeting was being criticized here as partisan, deliberately steered the discus-sions away from a vote on the project site when it became clear that the British candidate was unlikely to win.

This was stoutly denied by a British spokesman, but inde-pendent accounts tended to confirm that Mr Kaufman had an opportunity last night to bring offers of more the matter to the vote had he ment elsewhere.

Mr Anthony Wedgwood

Energy, who chose to present the British case rather than take the chair, had earlier pressed the claims of the Culham laboratory near Oxford. which he said was recognized as "a centre of world excel-lence in fusion research".

During the course of the night, however, it emerged that if it came to a vote on the site a majority of member states would have been likely to favour Culham's only serious rival, the Garching laboratory in West Germany, which elso has previous experience of

The British delegation, which came to Brussels confident that Culham was the front runner, was reported to have been shaken by this discovery.

Dr Guido Brunner, the EEC Commissioner responsible for research, said here unday that he was greatly afraid that the international team of Culhambered scientists who drew up based scientists who drew up the bluepring for the Jet project might now succumb to

offers of more secure employ-

is probably also true that scientists at Culham are France, for one, was quite glad reported to have already announced their departure. The contracts of the rest expire at the end of June. The Commission had also said earlier that it would begin running down the project at the end of this month if no decision on the site was forthcoming.

Dr Brunner said that he had agreed to consider a request to extend this deadline. In the meantime, it is understood that the British presidency will seek to bring ministers together before the end of April in a last-ditch attempt to keep Europe in the race to nuclear

The only bright spot in last night's discussions is that eight of the ministers were able to give their final approval to a four-year research programme costing f145m for the four laboratories making up the EEC Joint Research Centre. Hitherto this programme, which is largely concerned with reactor safety and nuclear waste disposal, had been blocked by the lack of decision on the site for the Jet project. Only Mr Benn was unable to give an unconditional go ahead. He said it would have to be referred to his home govern-

#### prospects of Vienna talks From Robert Fisk

Nicosia, March 30

dying down even before the new round of intercommunal talks have got under way in Vienna. The Greek Cypriot press, which only five weeks ago was predicting that many Greek Cypriot refugees would be able to return to their homes in northern Cyprus, spoke in lukewarm terms this morning about the talks which start in Austria tomorrow. Dr Vassos Lyssarides, leader

of Edek, the Cypriot Socialist Party, has said in an interview with the Turkish Cypriot newspaper Halkin Sesi that he does not believe there will be settlement by the end of the

American interest in Cyprus as "outside interference" and said the United State's determination to strengthen Nato's south-eastern flank would be at the expense of Cyprus. Greek Cypriots are hoping that President Carter will continue to refuse arms supplies to Turkey unless Turkish Cypriots make concessions to the Greeks on the island.

The initial euphoria talks is their gradual realization that, in spite of the two the prospect of a political meetings between President settlement on the island is Makarios and Mr Raof Denkiss. the Turkish Cypriot leader, the two sides still have radically opposed views of the kind of government that should rule Cyprus in the future.
Mr Denktas wants a strong

regional administration for Turks and for Greeks, whereas Archbishop Makarios, who still fundamentally rejects the idea of a partitioned state, is insisting on a powerful central gov-

The socialist newspaper Ta Nea (The News) said today that the Turkish Cypriots would keep the Vienna talks "moribund" to persuade the Amerion Turkey and to prevent debate on the United Nations Human Rights Commission's report on Turkish violations

The Communist newspaper Haraughi (Dawn) preferred to reserve its judgment, saying only that the Vienna talks would require "persistence". The pro-Makarios paper Phileftheros (The Liberal) said that the issues would be clearer by May when Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, will meet President Correct. One reason why Greek meet President Carter.

#### Signor Andreotti wins new lease of life from unions

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, March 30 Signor Andreotti today won

a new lease of life for his minority Christian Democratic Government. By midday, after two long nights and a sudden flight to Washington by Senator Stammati, the Minister of the Treasury, the agile Prime Minister managed to pull off a senanglable according to the frameman stable according to the senanglable according to the senanglab remarkable escape from apparently certain political death in his Government's short but dramatic career. He negotiated a compromise with both the communist and

non-communist trade unions on a wages policy and the basis for calculating cost-of-living increases. Senator Stammati had to clear the arrangement

with the International Monetary Fund which had already agreed

terms for standby credits needed by the Government to establish its financial respectability internationally, Signor Andreotti had been left in no doubt that if the

unions refused an accommoda-tion, the Communist Party would be unable to support the Government's economic measures in Parliament against union wishes.

These measures are contained in a decree which has now to be converted into law by April 8 and went to the Senate tonight for approval. The fact that the political left would not be in a position to oppose the largely left-wing unions in case of their failure to agree with the Gov-ernment was made clear during the talks by Signor Enrico Ber linguer, the Communist leader

#### Czech in Munich hijacking trial wanted by Prague

Bonn, March 30 Rudolph Becvar went on trial

in Munich today charged with bijacking a Czechoslovak air-liner and detaining people against their will. Mr Becvar, a 26-year-old un-skilled worker, boarded the CSA airliner in Prague dast October gun he forced the crew to fly it to Munich. He had told the

pilot that he had an accomplice on board with explosives. Czechoslovakia has asked for his extradition, first claiming that he had murdered his brother. Later, the charges were changed to illegal possessions. sion of arms and robbing a taxi. The Bonn Government has not yet decided whether to and the charge against him is extradite him. Earlier this year that armed with a sub-machine a Munich court ruled that the Czechoslovak claim was justi-

# Merchant ships worry an admiral The West may find itself ing that a lot of freight going back and think ah—you see we brought to its knees without to the Far East should go across are not going to need this a shot being fired through on the railway and then be defence. Of course, it weakens

Sir John, who retired yester day as Commander-in-Chief, would do to the se Fleet, and Nato's Commander- in the West. in-Chief, Channel and Eastern Atlantic, talked in an interview with the Press Association about the vulnerability of the North

Sea oil and gas installations in wartime and of the danger posed by the expanding Soviet mercantile fleet. Sir John, who is 52, declared that the West should wake up to Russia's economic challenge as much as it needs to wake challenge.

"While we have made considerable strides in the integration of our defence effort, I don't believe that we focus nearly enough on the integration of our political and economic strategy. "Now oil is only one of the

weapons within economic pres-sure. If you look at the maritime scene today, you will see the Soviet Union, already with 20 million tons of ocean-going shipping, with another five mil-lion tons of sophisticated ships laid down, who are not in business commercially to make a profit in the carriage of trade.

rate. This is very tempting to shippers, and the Russians are

subtle Soviet economic pres-sure, according to Admiral Sir John Treacher. Soviet ports in Soviet bottoms to Australia."

Sir John wondered what this would do to the seaborne trade

"So you can build up a scenario here, on the economic front, and I would embrace in this all the other things that we do supply the Soviets withconsumer goods, factories—and meanwhile, if they have a bad harvest, we sell them food.

"Nothing is allowed to interfere with their permanent military budget. Unlike in the West, where, if someone gets into economic crisis, there is pressure on our military budget, the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact can get into all sorts of crisis which the West help them out of, are only too pleased to offer them credits, technology transfers and meanwhile their military programme just continues to roll or " just continues to roll on."

Sir John thought that detente tended to work against Nato. "It is difficult for people to assume that there are modern imperialists, people whose aim it is to mould opinion however much we may be reminded by the Berlin Wall that this acqually happens. that this actually happens.

"So when somebody puts The rates they quote are quite simply 15 or 10 per cent below the current conference let's get together, let's reduce the has let's get together, let's reduce all this confrontation, he has enormous appeal in the West: now mounting a new offensive irresistible to large numbers of on seaborne trade by suggest- our population who then sit gear.

everything."

But he added that he was greatly in favour of it because think we should negotiate as hard as we can." Arthur Reed writes: The Soviet merchant fleet has increased to 8,000 vessels of nearly 21m tons, from 700 vessels of 1.3m tons in 1939, and is an essential part of the armed forces, according to a book published

yesterday. Lieuxenant-Commander E. C. Talbot-Booth, director of the Ship Recognition Corps, and the book's author, asserts that the Soviet merchant fileet has two principal functions, the carriage of weapons and military equip-ment for overseas ventures, and its deployment for the purpose of economic warfare to be achieved by heavily undercut-ting freight rates.

Many of the merchant ships Many of the merchant stups were equipped with electronic and other sophisticated equipment, far in excess of normal trading requirements. Naval officers and crew were known to serve in the merchant vessels, and the crews were langely interested. interchangeable. Every unit had on board a political officer, among whose duries was the gathering of intelligence

The largest trawler and fishing fleets ever known rosmed the oceaus. Among their task tions, shadow Nato warships, check on frequencies and radar and on underwater hydrophopic

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# Mr Bhutto announces his new Cabinet as rioting continues

From Our Correspondent Rawelpindi, March 30

Mr. Bhutto, the Pakisten Prime Minister, today an-nounced his new Cabinet of 22 ministers compared with the 18 in the pre-election Government. He has dropped five members of the outgoing Cabinet, al-though all of them had been returned to the National Assembly. They include four accused of gross irregularities at the polls on March 7.

For the first time Mr Bhutto has appointed a Foreign Minister. Hitherto he has held the portfolio himself, but now it goes to Mr Aziz Ahmad, for-merly Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs. Mr Bhutto has not allocated

Mr Bhutto has not allocated the Defence and Home portfolios, and it is assumed he will retain these for himself.

Of the 23 members of the Of the 23 members of the Attorney General) 12 belong to Punjab, five to Sind, and three each to Baluchistan and the National Assembly, has already rejected the Government offer for talks or suggestions on the conditions that would be fourteen ministers are lawyers. The only special assistant induce them to take their parliamentary seans. Most leaders of the alliance have been arrested. Buch, who comes back to gov-errment with the rank of minister of state. He is said to be the Prime Minister's principal adviser on foreign affairs and foreign publicity A press report says that the Government have put under surveillance several former ministers and members of the

National Assembly whose activities were regarded as

A Kerachi report said the police fired on a crowd today outside the Sind Assembly building, where the first session of the newly elected House was being held. Some persons were stated to have been injured though no report of any casualties was immediately The crowd, which was later

joined by an estimated 500 women, was protesting against the convening of the Assembly, holding that its members had been unfolded and that its members had been unfolded. fairly elected earlier this month. Women have also been taking part in anti-Government demonstrations in Hyderabad

arrested.

Opposition sources place the number of arrests throughout Pakisten at 25,000 and of those killed in anti-Government demonstrations et 100. The Government has reported far fewer deaths and has not published the number of those under arrest.

The members of the new Pakistan Cabinet are:

Mr Bhutto Shaikh Mohammad Rashid Rana Mohammad Haulf Khan Mr Abdul Hafeez Pirrada

Mir Aizal Khan Mr Mumtaz Ali Bhutto Maulana Kausar Niazi

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#### Delhi tries to reassure its neighbours of its good will

From Richard Wigg Mr. Vajpayee repeated his Delhi, March 30 country's desire to see the Delhi, March 30

Mr. Vajpayee repeated his country's desire to see the Indian Ocean "freed of bigMinister of External Affairs, power rivalry".

Today sought to reassure Pakistan and Bangladesh that Gandhi, the controversial son of the new Government would be making "sincere efforts" to develop cooperative relations. develop cooperative relations

Mr Vajpayee contirmed at a press reception that he will be going with Mr Desai, the Prime Minister, to the forthcoming jubilee. Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in London. The new Government will Parliament. continue to adopt the same policy on that," he said.

There should be no apprehension in Pakistan, he said, that the new Government would do something to reverse the process of normalization. He also hoped there would be an amicable and murually satisfactory solution with Bangle-

Prime Minister, today resigned from the policy-making body of the defeated Congress Party. India Congress Committee has been accepted. Mr Gandhi, who is 30, announced his retiren from active politics after fail-ing in his first attempt to enter

In a letter to the party, he said: "As I have already announced that I do not intend to take part in active politics, I see no reason to continue as a member of the committee." His decision followed mounting pressure in the party to expending Mr Gandhi became one of the most powerful politicians in of the Ganges water India during Mrs Gandbi's emergency rule.—Reuter.

#### The Queen believes Crown still of use to Australia

be of continuing use to their

In the message, released after she left here earlier for Britain at the end of a three-week tour of Australia, the Queen said she had noticed a new air of self-confidence and · admin satisfaction emong Australians about their culture and way of

life.
She referred to republican demonstrations during the visit by saving: "Kindness, loyalty and friendship have been

Perth, March 30.—The shown to us wherever we have Queen told Australians in a been, and, if on occasions farewell message today that there has been a note of dissent, that is what freedom of expression is all about—a freedom sadly no longer enjoyed in many other countries.

personal happiness. It has also encouraged me in the belief that the Crown can be of con-tinuing service to Australia."

She was seen off at Perth airport by Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, Mr Fraser, the Prime Minister, and a crowd of more than 5,000.

why he had been detained.

In a letter banded to Mr Ashford, Mr Milner expres his "sincers apologies" for the incident. He assured Mr Ash-ford he would always be wel-"The welcome we have received has given us great come in Zambia.

US Navy loses jet ' Norfolk, Virginia, March 30. A F14 fighter aircraft, worth about \$14.5m (about £8.5m) overshot the aircraft carrier America and sank off the Vir-Leading article, page 15 ginia coast.

# President Podgorny and President Kaunda of Zambia toast each other at State House, Lusaka, at the end of the Soviet leader's four-day visit. of nuclear weapons. "In this

#### **Podgorny** tribute to war dead

Maputo, March 30 .- President Podgorny of the Soviet Union today laid a wreath at a monument to Frelimo guerrillas who died in the long independence war against Portuguese rule in Mozambique.

Much of the Soviet Union's high prestige here stems from its consistent support and arm-ing of African nationalist guerrillas, including those who fought against Portugal before independence 21 months ago, The Soviet leader laid the

From Our Correspondent

Whites in South-West Africa

referendum on May 16 if they support the plan for a mixed

interim government to lead the territory to independence by

The referendum proposal

was agreed late last night after a hour debate by more than

200 delegates at a congress in Windhoek of the ruling

The debate was held behind closed doors but Mr Abraham

du Plessis, leader of the party in the territory, who also heads the white delegation at

the Turnhalle constitutional talks, said afterwards the vote

was unanimous.

The South African Parliament is expected to hurry through legislation to enable the interim government to be installed by mid-June. With it, South-West Africa's six seats in the Cape Town Parliament, all held by Wationalists will prob-

held by Nationalists, will prob-

Zambia apology

correspondent

of the Soviet Union. He was

released after 15 hours with-

out any explanation being given

to 'Times'

Johannesburg, March 30

next year.

National Party.

wreath at a simple stone mem-orial close to Mapuro airport and stood to attention during a minute's silence for the dead. Mr Podgorny, who arrived here yesterday on the last leg of an African tour which has already taken him to Tanzania and Zambia, later held his second round of talks with President Machel of Mozambique, who was not present at

At a banquet in honour of the Soviet leader last night, Mr Machel said there was "an imperialist plan to create a military block in the southern Arlantic and a plan to furnish the racists in Pretoria with the equipment for nuclear war".

In his speech Mr Podgorny visit to the consolid, it would help international thousands of his detente if Africa could be free in the civil war.

tory's 120,000 whites.

How the leaders of the 10

other racial groups in the Turnhalte talks will consult their people is being left to them, but some black leaders, notably those from the self-constitute.

unnecessary and all that is

needed is for independence to be achieved as soon as pos-

The Turnhalle has set December 31, 1978, as the par-

get date and it is expected that

then. The election will not be under United Nations supervision, which means that it will be boycotted by the South West African Peoples' Organization (Swapo) which is recognized by the world body as the

sole political representative of the people of the country.

ably be abolished and a new formula for the 18 member the people of the country.

legislative assembly in Windhoek, again all Nationalists, warning that it will use all the cerity if the sies between the means at its disposal to stop National Party in South Africa

National Party leaders in the interim government being and South-West Africa are South-West Africa are conficestablished. Security chiefs severed.

general election will be held South-West Africa before

context, any assistance to the racists of South Africa in their attempts to obtain the means to create nuclear potential is absolutely unacceptable."

Maputo is the closest he has come to South Africa during his tour, and Mr Machel told him :
"You are welcome to the frontiers between Africa which is building the bases for social-ism, and Africa chained by imperialism. You are welcome to a combat trench which extends the liberated zone of humanity."

Castro stay: Dr Castro, the Cuban leader, stayed on in Angola today after complexing the programme of his official visit to the country, where thousands of his troops fought

Mr du Plessis told a mid-night news conference: "Some

delegates at the congress felt

that the road ahead was open and that the cost and work

associated with a referendum

would be unnecessary. But we do not want to leave any doubt

brown groups that we are with

The congress also accepted

Pretoria badly needs to be

the United States, which have

used their vetoes to prevent

the process of self-determi-nation is taking place success-

that changes would have to be made within the territory's

celled a scheduled trip to Zam-bia on Monday because it would have clashed with President Podgorny's visit.—Reuter.

Our Johannesburg Correspondent writes: Cuban troops in southern Angola are reported to be leading an all-our offen-sive against forces of the pro-Western Unita movement and bundreds of Angolan refugees are said to be fleeing into south-

west Africa.
The latest fighting is believed to have been concentrated in an area north of Oikokola, about 10 miles from Omungwelum in the Ovambo "homeland". elume

Dr Castro, who arrived in Luanda on March 23, spent ing at Omungwelume are yesterday resting with President wounded. They claim that during the past two days more than 1,000 civilians have been killed to Cohan, Angolan Government by Criban, Angolan Government and South West African Peoples' Organization (Swapo) units, and whole villages razed by artillery, rocket and mortar fire.

> The refugees are people of the Kwanyama tribe which supports Unita.

> Pastor Kornelius Ndioba, the Chief Minister of Ovambo, said today that Ovambo had already absorbed 10,000 refugees from Angola. He appealed to the Red Cross and other relief organizations to aid the home land in coping with renwed influx.

#### Israeli Arabs remember Namibia whites to hold referendum on last year's land riots multi-racial move to independence dent of a decisive "yes" vote in the referendum. More than up a campaign of intimidation 60 meetings are to be held aimed at whites in the terriduring the next few weeks to explain the issues to the terri Mr du Plessis told a mid-

From Eric Marsden

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, March 30
Galilee was mostly quiet
on the anniversary of "land
day" when six Israeli Arabs
were killed last year, but there
were clashes with troops and
police in the occupied West
Bank in a few brief wholent
protests and an almost total
business and school strike.

pusiness and school strike. The worst incidents were in Hebron, where tension was already high because of anger among Arabs over alleged preamong Arabs over alleged pre-ferential treatment given by the authorities to the small-community of Jewish settlers at the nearby fortified estate of Kiryat Arba. A bomb was exploded at the Jewish settlers' restaurant in the centre of Hebron, smashing windows but causing no injuries.

able to show the United Nations, particularly countries such as Britain, France and causing no injuries.
About 500 schoolchildren demonstrated, throwing stones at security forces who charged sanctions being imposed on South Africa for its refusal to quit South-West Africa, that

to disperse them. In Ramallah and Al Bireh, north of Jerusalem, about 200 students burnt tyres in the street and threw stones at troops, but order was quickly restored. The two towns observed a total strike of shops and offices and schools closed

Nablus was almost deserted ecause of a commercial strike. Shops were quickly opened in east Jerusalem, where all notels are full with visitors for the Passover and Easter festivals. Some traders had been threatened with arrest if they

In Bethlehem offices, factories and the shop owned by have sold their land have been
Mr Elias Freij, the mayor, criticized by the Arab land
remained closed but, as the protection committee, on the
tourist buses rolled in to ground that the issue was one Manger Square, other souvenir shops opened up for trade.

Heavy reinforcements troops and police had been brought into towns and vil-lages in Arab areas of Israel and on the West Bank yesterday. Preventive arrests were made in some areas.

Armoured cars were tioned at points along Jerusalem-Ramallah road at strategic points inside towns. Troops were posted on the battlements of Jerusalem's walls and armed patrols jostled with tourists in the alleys of the old city.

· Church bells tolled in Nazareth and other Galilee towns at noon in memory of the demon-strators killed last year and a minute's silence was observed, but memorial rallies passed off peacefully. In Muslim areas sermons were preached in mos-ques in honour of the dead. Work went on as usual and shops were open.

The violence last March was precipitated by the Israeli Government's decision to expro-priate 1,500 acres of land near Arab villages to build Jewish estates. The expropriations were denounced by Arab councils and the Committee for the Protection of Arab Lands.

After the riots the Government postponed implementation of the expropriations, but the Lands Administration has since bought nearly half the area involved by paying prices far higher than the marker value of the land.

This has caused divisions of principle and of safeguard-ing "the Arab homeland'.

## S African arms spending up 21% in deflationary Budget

From Our Correspondent

Cape Town, March 30
South Africa's defence spending is to be increased by 21 per cent to 1,654m rands (£910m) the Minister of Finance, Senator Owen Horman wood, said in his Budget statement this afternoon. The Budget has been described as strongly deflationary by economists, although there were no increases in personal income

prices abroad were partly to blame for the defence increase, which is somewhat smaller than expected.
In his Budget last year, the minister earmarked 1,350m rands for defence, nearly double the figure for 1974

Senator Horwood said rising

The Budget reflects the Government's determination to reduce the 1,515m rands deficit on balance of payments and to servative" budget.

wood announced measures to tighten up exchange controls and gave an assurance that the police were taking steps to counter large-scale currency smuggling out of the country.

The minister attributed the The mainly to cyclical factors, but
the mainly to cyclical factors, but
ed as also to uncertainty about politeconical factors in southern
re no Africa—which had led to an

increase in defence spending and a reduction in the inflow of foreign capital—the decline in the price of gold, and the

increase in the oil price.

He made it clear that the entire emphasis of financing would be aimed at improving South Africa's balance of payments position. He said the country was approaching the final stages of a steady economic downturn and that it could first time. Mr Sadat has now look forward to an economic recovery. It was a "con-encouraging President Carter's

#### Tory leader no longer 'iron lady' in Soviet eyes By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher, the Leader of the Opposition, seems to be in danger of losing her Sovier sou-briquer as "the iron lady". She is not so dangerous as she seemed to be to some of our friends ", Mr Daniel Kraminov, leading Soviet commentator on foreign affairs, said yesterday. "She is just a lady".

Mr Kraminov, who was replying in London to questions

about the recent meeting arranged by the Great Britain-USSR Association in Edinburgh, said, however, that certain circles still opposed détente.
Criticism in the West of the Soviet Union's attitude to

human rights was a source of ever-growing concern to the Soviet people. We call this criticism unfounded, unjustified and not right. We see in this criticism the desire of certain circles to create an atmosphere which will hinder the developent of friendly relations be-tween capitalist and socialist countries, and cast détente it-self in doubt."

The press in western countries treated as heroes people who were socially insignificent and sometimes even criminals, at the same time supporting the anti-Soviet position of these

people.
Although the round table was described by Soviet delegates in London yesterday as a success, the main task being to improve Anglo-Soviet relations, it was clear that both sides interpret detente quite difference.

opposing what he described as "interference" in Soviet affairs, Professor Zifs, of the Moscow Institute of Law, said that it was preferable that other governments should not take it upon themselves to deal with implementation in the Soviet Union of the final act of the Helsinki conference.

Implementation could not be achieved in one or two days. "It is a permanent, continuous, positive realization of these measures", he explained. The process presumed the cooperation of all the parmers, and that was why the conference on security and cooperation was so named.
President Carter receiving

Mr Vladimir Bukovsky (the Soviet dissident) at the White House was a psychological issue, which people in the Soviet Union interpreted negatively, as a kind of interference. The round table agreed to

arrange for more contacts between British and Soviet lawyers and journalists, the holding of a Scotland week in Soviet city in 1978, and increased support for organiza-tions and individuals working in education, particularly Russian and English-language studepts and teachers.

#### Sadat tour for support From Our Correspondent

Cairo, March 30
President Sadat of Egypt sets out tomorrow on a tour of three major Western countries for crucial talks on Middle

East peace prospects.
His trip comes after intensive international efforts to speed up Middle East peace moves, including the resump-tion of the Geneva conference which the Arabs want to be held as soon as possible. It last met briefly and inconclusively in December, 1973.

in December, 1973.

The tour is also expected to emphasize Egypt's determination to continue its present cordial relations with the West, the main pillar of President Sadat's policy.

The Egyptian leader's talks in Bonn, his second visit within a year, will be a follow-up to his talks in Cairo with Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign

the West German Foreign Minister, two months ago. Egypt wants West Germany to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict and favours its participation in a resumed Geneva con-

ference,
After his Bonn visit Mr
Sadat will spend a day in Paris for talks with President Gis-card d'Estaing.

During his stay in Washing-ton, the highlight of President

Sadat's tour, he will hold talks with President Carter for the recent remarks about the Mid-Business news, page 19 dle East situation.

# Sunny Arizona beckons mafiosi

New York, March 30 Most stories about the Mafia tend to concentrate on places like New York and Chicago, but according to an article in Newsday, the Long Island newspaper, many Maria figures have moved in the past few years to the summier climate of Phoenix, Arizona, and are finding conditions there very much to their liking,

Phoenix has "a flourishing but disjointed network of organized crime operatives", Newsday reports. They are taking advantage of the city's recent rapid growth and of the fact that, as long as they con-centrate on such "victimless" crimes as gambling and prostitution, the police tend to leave them alone.

About three-quarters of the mafiosi have Chicago connexions, but there are some bright, New York-based hoodlums" moving in to challenge do all this partly because

Chicago guys", one of them is their block than a porno-quoted as saying. "Theyre graphic bookstore, and nothing but punks. We're gonna eat up the Chicago

The arricle is the latest in a series written by a team of reporters about conditions in the senior police officers is music on it."

Arizona and published in newspapers across the country. One of the first in the series accused Senator Barry Goldwater of having close friendships with certain criminal figures, but the most recent one outlines what the Mafia is

up to.
It is moving in, it seems, to control Phoenix's network of "massage parlours", a eaphe-mism for brothels, and its pornographic books and films. It full of names like Joseph is taking a hand in the extensive illegal gambling on various sports. particularly full of the traditional style of Mafia reporting, the article is full of names like Joseph (Papa Joe) Tocco, Frank (Frankie the Tocco, Frankie the Tocco, Frank various sports, particularly basketball and football.

There is also evidence, that, if the Phoenix police according to the article, of the Mafia's moving into legit the surface, it would find "a imate businesses, such as rat's nest of hoodkums".

various forms of entertain. One of the people the ment, music tapes, and rubbish collection. This is done by the classic methods of threats, violence and arson.

The Mafia has been able to people usually are more condon't care for these cerned about a mugger on graphic bookstore, and Phoenix, in fact, enjoys a repuand tation as a safe place to walk

the streets".

In any case, the police force explained. "There's nothing is undermanned, and one of boodeg about a tape with no

and prostitution have a low priority for him. we want Phoenix to become a convention centre", he comments, "a sort of he comments, "a sort of Miami Beach of the South West, there is a feeling in the community that we have to offer visitors something more than zoos and sunshine." and James (Jimmy the Wea-'sel) Fratianno. It comments were disposed to dig beneath

describe as a colourful but dangerous local mobster. Amuso appeared at the Caravan Inn in a black threepiece suit, black shirt, white tie, sunglasses, slicked hair, and a Fu Manchu moustache." He explained that one of his specialities was selling tapes without any music on them.

One of the people the reporters met was Robert (Fat

Louis) Amuso, whom

#### of nuclear ambitions By Our Foreign Staff the Brazilians feel that nuclear The Brazilian Government

**Brazil resents accusations** 

governing Bantustans of that the whites support the Ovambo, Kavango and East Turnhalle conference and we Caprivi, feel a referendum is want to assure the black and

them.

National Party.

From Our Own Correspondent Lusaka, March 30 Mr Aaron Milner, Zambia's

has reacted vigorously to sug-gestions that it is buying nuclear technology because it of further proliferation of Manister of the Interior, today apologized personally to Mr Nicholas Ashford, southern Africa correspondent of The nuclear capability. Times, who was detained briefly The Brazilian Embassy in by the police last weekend. Mr Milner explained that the de-

London emphasized yesterday that the country's interest in tention was a result of mis-taken identity.

Mr Ashford was held by the police when he arrived at Lusaka airport from Dar es the acquisition of eight reacplant and a reprocessing plant, worth £3,000m when the con-tract with West Germany was Salaam to cover the visit to Zambia of President Podgorny. signed in 1975, was purely to ensure future energy supplies.

The new American Administration wants to see the con-tract cancelled, not only because it is unsure of Brazil's future intentions, but as a preliminary to the prevention of further proliferation of nu-clear capability.

The Brazilians argue that, as the price of oil increases, nuclear power stations are the only way of ensuring sufficient power for industrial development. According to the Embassy, electricity consumption has been doubling every seven years and, given the prospect of further sharp increases, possibilities for the development. velopment of hydro-electric power generation will be exhausted during the next 10 Given the unreliability of the pricing and supply of oil,

power, with the capability of reprocessing nuclear fuel so as to be independent of the politnations, is essential to the con tinuing development of their industry.

In reply to criticisms that the Brazilians see themselves as nuclear-armed leaders of Latin America in the twentyfirst century, the Brazilian Government points to the fact that Brazil has signed all the principal treaties regarding nuclear weapons, including that covering the prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin ouclear weapons in Latin America, the Treaty of Tlate-loko, in 1966. The nuclear powers have refrained from signing it in spite of the fact that the treaty provides for it. Brazil has refused to sign the international treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons on the ground that it

discriminatory against poorer countries.
In defence of the West German agreement, it says: "The agreement signed with the Federal Republic of Germany, and the safeguards agreement which Brazil and Germany signed with the International Atomic Energy Agency, established a system of controls which exceed the safeguard requirements contained in the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons."

#### French policy on Djibouti angers Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, March 30 .-Ethiopia's military Government today attacked France bitterly for political sabotage, intrigue and conspiracy in trying to extend its influence over Djibouti, its last colonial possession on mainland Africa, after independence.

In a leading article, the offi-cial daily Addis Zemen alleged that France was deliberately obstructing the territory's accession to genuine independence to serve the cause of imperialism and its own neocolonialist ambitions.

It dismissed the round-table conference in Paris as a private dinner party organized for the benefit of the African People's Independence League, which it described as a lackey of the French Government.—Agence France

#### Polisario guerrillas show off their prisoners Monday night's meeting took the Moroccan Air Force, place in a wilderness of sand remarked: "For me, the war

From Bachir Sahel Western Sahara, March 30 The Polisario Front, the

Western Saharan guerrilla movement, has provided proof of .its recent claims that its forces are causing serious problems for the Moroccan and Mauritanian occupying On Monday night, the organization paraded 52 Moroc-

can and Mauritanian prisoners and some of the weapons captured in recent weeks in opertions not only in the Western Sahara, but also in southern Morocco and northern Mauri-Polisario, which is backed by

Algeria, is fighting for the independence of the independence phosphate-rich former Spanish Sahara, partitioned between Morocco and Mauritania early last year. Polisario bas declared indepedence unilaterally and its government has been recognized by a small num-ber of states belonging to the Organization of African Unity.

dunes about 19 miles south of Tindouf, Algeria, near the tract runs out in two years." frontiers of Morocco, Mauri Among the other 18 Mo tania and Western Sahara.

The Mauritanian and Moroccan prisoners, some of them still with bandages on their wounds, were at first overawed by the group of Western journalists, but the meeting soon developed into a gathering in which it was difficult to distinguish the PoWs from the unarmed guerrilla guards.

The prisoners answered questions with smiles. Idrissi Amine, a Moroccan pilot, caused general hilarity as he explained how his Spanish-built transport reconnaissance aircraft shot down on February 28 in southern Morocco, between Tan Tan and Tarfaya, as be flew to the aid of a Moroccan military convoy being attacked by the guerrillas.

is over. In any case my con-

prisoner with his company sergeaut-major and nine privates on March 15 in the Aguerguer region, near Dakhla (formerly Villa Cisneros), in Mauritanian Sahara.

The 33 Mauritanian prisoners. mostly Africans, were captured this month during two opera-tions, one in the Aguerguer area and the other at Tichi, northern Mauritania. Lieutenant Rahu, who was

trained in France, said he had been surprised by the fighting capacity of the guerrillas when they ambushed a joint Moroccan-Mauritanian force during a mopping-up operation in the Aguerguer area on March 15.

Sergeant Laid Ben Said, of he Mauritanian National The priot, who said he was a the Mauritanian National machine French-trained instructor in Guard, described three opera-

tions in which he took part before his capture on March 15. In the first, in November at Argoud, 30 Mauritanian sol-Among the other 18 Moroc. diers were killed, 15 wounded. can prisoners was Lieutenant one taken prisoner and 15 Muhammad Rahu, taken vehicles destroyed. On vehicles destroyed. On December 15 in the Aguergues area, the Mauritanians lost 11 dead and on February 5 "we lost many dead and 20 captured ".

Like many troops from the Rosso area near Senegal, Sergeant Ben. Said complained of racid discrimination, saying that most officers were Arab Mauri tanians.

Most of the captured wea-pons were rifles of American, Spanish, French and Belgian manufacture, but there were also machineguns, French-made RPG7 anti-tank rockets and mortars on display, together with assembled jeeps mounted either with Spanish 120mm recoilless cannon or 30mm machineguns.—Agence France-

#### Football

# Brady scores the only goal in a victory that belongs to Giles

lifts them into second place above Bulgaria in group five.

Brady raised the Republic of Ireland's hopes by scoring after. To minutes. It stemmed from a free kick by John Giles, awarded for a food on Daly by Tusseau. France only partially cleared the ball and Brady hurst through, mopposed, to slip a left-foot shot under the advancing Rey.

It was the start the Irish wanted and they nearly scored a second 18 minutes later. Giles, outstanding in his record-breaking 48th international, unleashed a 35 yard left-foot drive which camoned back off the crossbar. Givens, challenged by a defender, won the race for the rebound but headed over.

On the rare occasions the headed over.

On the rare occasions the French threatened, they found Kearns in fine form. He pushed an attempt by Rouyer into the side netting and, seconds before half time, brilliamly palmed out a curving free kick from Bathenay.

The Republic of Ireland took revenge for their defeat in France by winning 1—0 in the World Cup qualifying die at Lansdowne Road yesterday. The two points lifts them into second place above Bulgaria in group five.

Brady raised the Republic of Ireland's hopes by scoring after 10 minutes. It stemmed from a free left by long Gide grounded.

France were first to show after half time, Rouyer dashing down the left flank but firing wide. In contrast, Ireland's shooting was more on target, but Brady's left-foot drive, from the edge of the area, was punched over. Ireland looked to be building another chance when Daly aimed a pass to Givens but Rio read it and booted the bull into touch.

At the other end, a mistake by Muligan put the Irish in trouble before O'Leary arrived to beat Platind with a desperate diving tackle. There were one or two ugly moments, one player from each side being booked, Rio for four on Civens and Daly for

#### **Greenhoff and Pearson** likely to be fit

tween the manager, Tony Waiters, and his directors, has taken a new twist with the first team coach, Michael Kelly, saying he wants to stay, but only with the present

Brian Greenhoff and Stuart
Pearson, who have been on a fiveday break in Spain with the
Manchester United team, are
likely to play at Norwich on chairman, Robert Daniel, and the
Saturday, Both had to drop out
of the England party for the
Luxembourg game because of
injury.

After a one hour meeting between Mr Daniel and Mr Waiters
treen the manager, Tony Waiters.

resterday no statement was issued. But the club secretary, Graham Little, said the question of sackings or resignations had not been discussed.

#### Money speaks in debate on where to play

stage of the South American World Cup qualifying contest, disagreement has spring up over who should stage the triangular elimination matches. Feru beat Chile 2-0 at the weekend to join Brazil and Boliviz in the final stage, which will guarantee two of the sides a place in the finals in Argentina pert year.

Brazil opened the bidding for the privilege of holding the com-petition by offering their rivals \$50,000 a match to play at the 160,000-capacity Maracano Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, a bid which was promptly doubled by the Bolivian footbath authorities.

Technically, the play-off should on neutral territory, but this e can be waived if all finalists are in agreement. Peru have re-jected both their rivals' offers and latend to demand a neutral venue. The Venezuelan Football Faderation have offered to pay the three place finalists \$100,000 each to play in neutral Venezuela, according to the

first three matches, conceding only one. They dropped one point away to Uruguzy last Sunday in a game that could have no effect

pions, were struggling at the beginning, but recovered after changing managers in mid-series. Even so the South America foot-ball giants could only manage a 1-1 draw at home against Paragusy, but the point assured them of a

The most disappointed side in the series must have been But the argument is unlikely to the settled before the next meeting of the South American Pootball Confederation at Bogoti or against Boirvis on Sunday came May 27, and sports commentators here think Argentina, hosts of next

Buenos Aires, March 29.-With year's finals, are the most likely to stage the triangular event.
Of the three finalists, Bolivia were the only ones who had a consistent lead from the start of the 18-march series. The Bolivians scored six goals in winning their

place in the next round.

Chile and Peru jostled neck and neck in group three, with the Chileans one point ahead before Saturday's deciding game. The Peruvians scored two goals in the second half to finish with six points against Chile's five and a place in the next round.

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Yesterday champions of the world, today overruled at home

# Roll up Bayern's map of Europe

Munich's elimination from the European Cup could herald important changes in West German football. Bayern, the winners of Europe's top club trophy for the past three years and also the reigning world club champions, are at the crossroads. Stars are aging and no replacements of equal, talent are on the horizon. Defeated by the Ukrainians of Dinamo Kiev in the European Cup, Bayern have also been knocked out of the West German Cup and are currently only sixth in the League.

They are still not certain of

League in 1972.

Bayeru, who won the World Club Cup last December by beating the South American champions, Cruzeiro Belo Horizonte of Brazil, badiy miss Gerd Borber "Miller, who has scored more than 580 goals for his club and country in 13 seasons with Bayeru. He underwent surgery in February to cure a back nerve atment. At 31 he is still vital to the backbone of the team.

after the 1974 World Cup victory but he has been in remarkable form this season, enduring the pain from his injury to score 20 League goals before February. Paying such players will be a bigger headsche then ever for Bayera. It costs DMim (£244,000) a month to run the club. Wages total DM700,000 (£170,000).

Beckenbauer, who captains the total DM700,000 (2170,000).

Beckenbauer, who captains the national side, is also 31. He is reported to be paid DM400,000 (298,000) a year but his total income, including fees from advertising, is probably more than twice

as much.

The club president, Wilhelm Neudecker, a millionaire building contractor, says that Bayern's revenue will drop by at least DMim next season if they do not qualify for Europe. However, at the moment when they should be cutting costs, Bayern are looking for at least two experienced—and probably expensive—players to make up for their lack of reserve strength.

year before, the experiment failed. Beckenbauer, last season's West German player of the year and a tower of strength for Bayeru, warned: "Now we have to spend money on a comple of tried and tested players, other-

New sports

**BBC** radio

Radio 2 will stay open all night for special coverage of all four British Lions' marches direct from New Zeakard; and Radio 2 histeners will be able to stay up late to hear " New Commentary from Scratch America, in Line on all

Tennis

Royal visit part

centenary plans

The Queen and the Duke of Bdinburgh will make their first visit to Wimbledon for 15 years when they attend this year's championships on July 1 to present the trophy to the winner of the women's singles. This visit is part of Wimbledon's centenary celebrations.

any plans yesterday, the chairman, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Bur-nett, revealed that many of Wim-hledon's past winners have accep-ted an invitation to attend.

Before the traditional opening on June 20, the former winners

on June 20, the former winners will step once more on to the centre court to be presented with centenary medals by the Duke of Kent, the president of the All England Club. Some who have said they will be there are Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet, René Lacoste and Jacques Brugnon, foor Frenchmen who reigned supreme between 1924 and 1929.

Also versent will be Versenth.

Also present will be Elisworth Vines, said by many to have played the greatest Wimbledon final in 1933, and Donald Budge,

poth outstanding American cham-pions before the war. Among the previous champions will be Louise Brough Clapp, Margaret Osborne du Pont, Doris Hart and Shirley Fry Irvis who dominated the women's game in the 1950s. Others present will be Alice

women's game in the 1950s.

Others present will be Alice Marble (1939) and Elizabeth Ryan, who won the first of her 19 doubles titles in 1912. With Billie Jean King, she holds the record number of Wimbledon titles. British Wimbledon winners who will be on parade are Kitty Godfree, Dorothy Little, Antela Barrett. Ann Jones and

Angela Barrett, Ann Jones and Fred Perry,
The Duke of Kent will open the new museum on May 19. Among many souvenirs to go on sale for the centenary will be a medal struck in plutonium and priced at £675. There will also be a book mark, costing 10p.

of Wimbledon

plans for



more than £11m to Bayern Munich, is to become the assistant manager of West Germany when he ends his

finding its own talent— Beckenbauer, Miller and Maier Beckenhauer, Müller and Maier all began their careers there. But this season, reserves called in to replace injured first feam members such as Uli Höness, Bernd Durnberger, Fram Roth and Müller, have not shone. Eshan Onal, a young Turk, Peter Grüber and Rainer Künkel have all struggled.

Celebrities such as Beckenbauer, Müller and a promising inter-

Celebrities such as Beckenbauer, Müller and a promising international winger Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who are all accustomed to success, may be content to say with a side no longer at the top because most have been with Bayern for all of their playing days. However, foreign clubs might tempt some of them. Last September Bayern turned down an offer worth Dm6m (£1,460,000) from Paris St Germain, of France, for Beckenbauer.

The West German Football Association has said that Beckenbauer, who has played in more than 100 internationals, will become the assistant manager of

become the assistant manager of the national side when his play-ing career ends. Speculation that he might eventually be put in charge of the team was not denied. Some critics saw the statement

Crowds at Bayern's games fell after their European Cup defeat. Just over 20,000 were in their Olympic Stadium, with a capacity of 70,000, on Saturday to watch them scrape a 1-0 win over Werder Bremen. Their average gate is well over 30,000.

Competition for Munich foot-ball supporters could become stiffer next season because Bayern's rivals, 1860 Munich, are in line for promotion to the first division. The decline of Bayern may also have a psychological effect on the national side, strug-gling to find the form which brought them the World Cup in 1974.

Beckenbauer, Maier, Rummenigge, Höness and Georg Schwarzenbeck the centre half, are key members of the West German side and all could be short of top, level match practice if Bayern fail to qualify for Europe. But Bayern officials and players, piblicly at least, remain calm.

"We were eliminated from European competitions in 1968 and we still didn't sink. Even if we don't reach the Uefa Cup this season, there will be no panic," their business manager, Robert Schwan, said last week. Beckenbauer added that the defeat by Dinamo Kiev" is no reason for bursing into tears, We have m look forward".

# African nations clear the first hurdle

Abidjan, March 30.—African nations have cleared a first hurdle in their determined effort to have countries maintaining sporting links with South Africa suspended from the Olympic movement. The general assembly of the National Olympic Committees (NOCS) ended a two-day meeting here last night by approving a Nigerian resolution to bar Olympic countries from competing with mations who have either been suspended or have lost the recognition of the

(IOC).
The resolution, passed by 3S votes to 19 with 36 reported abstentions, was obviously directed at New Zealand and other countries. teners will be able to stay up late to hear "live" commentary from South America in June on all three of England's footbell internationals against Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

The former English cricket captain, Tony Lewis, will launch a new Saturday morning sports magazine programme on April 30 as part of the new weekend look to Radio 4; Lewis is also joining the Test match special team on Radio 3 for hall-by-ball coverage of all five Test matches against Australia,

Skirling Moss will be in the radio team for "Bive" commentary on the British Grand Prix at Silverstone; Christine James will again be in the Wimbledon teams for some price gold medsilists, Mary Peters and Antha Lonsbrough, will join the commentary teams for all the major staketics and swimming events. at New Zealand and other countries who have maintained sporting links with South Africa. Assembly sources said the resolution, the most controversial of the meeting, prompted a lively debate. Several countries, including Australia, doubted that such a ban could be enforced.

The resolution and others passed by the general assembly will be put to the IOC executive board at a joint meeting with the committees tomorrow and on Friday.

Earlier yesterday the assembly

tees tomorrow and on Friday.

Earlier yesterday the assembly manimously passed another Nigerian resolution—proposing that the word "colour" be added to the Olympic rule banning discrimination. At present the rule, article three of the Olympic code, stipulates that there should be no discrimination against any country or person "on grounds of race, religion or politics".

Officials said a Swedish resolution, which would allow two or
more cities to stage Olympic
games, was dropped for the time
being after a tie in the vote.
Sweden planted to seek the right
to stage the 1984 winter Games
if their proposal had been accepted, the officials said:
The sources said delegates, felt
that, while the idea had its merits,
intricate problems were bound to
arise from it and had to be investigated.

Abraham Ordin, who moster-minded the African walkout at the Montreal Olympics, said that determined than ever to boycott sports events involving New Zea-land. "There is little chance that Africans will compete in the track-and-field World Cup at Düsseldorf in September, or the Commonwealth Games in Canada text year", he said in an interview. "It is entirely up to New Zealand."

Zealand."

Mr Ordiz, president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, demands that the New Zealand Government break off their sports relations with South Africa and deny visas to South Africa and deny visas to South African sportsmen. This was the issue that led to Z8 African countries pulling their athletes out at Montreal last summer.

There are signs of a division among the Africans. Lamine Diack, a Senegal delegate and president of the African Athletic Confederation, said clearly that Africa would enter a team

#### End of one chapter and the start of another By Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent For British tennis, yesterday marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. Dewar's, the whisky company, who have withdrawn from sponsorship after nine years and 35 tournaments, gave a farewell inncheon to their closest tennis associates. The occasion was convivial but the heading on the menn—"Dewar Cup, 1968 to 1976"—read like an epitaph. In the evening, though, as if by some rapid process of resurrection, the game was reborn under new management at Earls Court, where it had never before been played. game was reborn under new management at Earls Court, where it had never before been played.

Six years ago Mark Cox, of Britain, lost the first match of the first World Champiouship Tennis circuit. As if showing a reluctant respect, for historic parallels, he also lost the first match played at Earls Court. Vitas Gerulaits, a New Yorker, whose peripheral pleasures include the possession of two Rolls-Royces ("I want to support the British economy"), heat him 6-0, 2-6, 6-4. Cox lost the first seven games, won eight of the next nine, led 2-0 in the third set, but was eventually trustrated by the lob, with which Gerulaitis had feased him throughout the match.

The 10,000 seats were rather more than the occasion demanded, particularly as its promotion was restricted to six weeks. The place had cavernous echoes. The spectators were too far from the court and some, indeed, spent part of the evening exploring a maze of staircases and corridors, none of which seemed to lead anywhere interesting. Way up in the air, doubtless engaged in some necessary function, a man was poised in a large box suspended on wires as if viewing the proceedings from a balloou's observation car. The arena was vast, cool, darkly initial-dating. The players looked like pot-holers who had been out of the sun too long.

The court was allow, the bounce low. Cox said it was basically a

damp grass. He and Gerulaits agreed that the short ball was effective. "It's so cold", Gerulaitis said. "The balls are heavy and don't rise. It's dead." Cox had two break points in the first game: But for half an hour he spent too much time at the back of the court and did not move well there. Then he began to go forward and play short; and gradually, if precariously, took command. He was serving for a 3—1 lead in the third set. But Gerulaitis broke back with the help of a shot that was both good and lucky. In the tenth game Gerulaitis broke through again for the match, winning the first and last points of that game with lobs—tempting shots in the altitude of of Earls Court.

The trip to the dressing room from the court was a long and involved exercise in route finding, rather like descending a mountain by means of formous internal reinvolved exercise in route finding, rather like descending a mountain by means of forthous internal recesses. But players of this experience have acquired a homing instinct more familiar in dogs and pigeons. They can aniff out a tennis court at any distance.

The next to do so were Harold Solomon and John Alexander. They had longer rallies than Cox and Gerulainis, which will surprise no one who knows the way Solomon mips about and plays tennis when he has time to do it well. Solomon is so quick to the ball that he can usually spare a moment to examine it closely—as if searching for buga—before putting his weight behind it. Prustraing Alexander's heavier game, he won 6—2, 6—4.

By the time Eddie Dibbs and Adrano Panatia emerged to excite us with the time-honoured clash between fighter and boner, Dibbs winning 4—6, 6—1, 7—5, two things were already clear. Tennis is the same game wherever it is played—and though Earls Court may not be ideal, it is certainly different. rather like descending a mount

The ninety-first Beckenham ten-The court was slow, the bounce low. Cox said it was basically a serve-volley court, rather like nis tournament will take place from May 30 to June 4 at the Beckenham Cricker Club. Table tennis

# China win with clinical efficiency but leave no sense of theatre

By Richard Streeton
China retained the Corbillon
Cup for women's teams at the
world table-tennis championship,
sponsored by Norwich Union,
when they beat South Korea 3—0
at Birmingham yesterday without
dropping a game. That bare
straightforward fact summarizes a
final marked by cinical efficiency
and superb skill by the winners
in a match, however, that lacked
the drama, fluctuations and tension witnessed at previous world
championships.

championships.

Nobody would wish to detract one ious from the marvellous ability of the two Chinese ghis, Chang Li and Chang Te-Ying. But the feeling that they were always in complete and utner control inevitably robbed the occasion of any sense of theatre always present on the truly memorable sporting occasions.

The South Korean players, Lee Alless and Chung Hynn Sook, in fact, each took a game to deuce. The feeling, however, was never absent that China could dictate the tactics and snarch decisive points.

It was significant that China's

firmed how far the Europeaus are behind the Orientals.

In the first singles, the left-handed Chang Li won 21—10, 22—20 and the main interest rame with Chang serving 4—5 down in the second game and being shown the blue card, meaning the umpire could not spot whether she was serving in full compliance with law's requirements. The umpire again spoke to her on her next service and the crowd jeered the official who whether he was right or wrong was clearly in their view disturbing an artist's performance. Chang pointedly showed the umpire the ball in the palm of her hand several times on her next few Services. Lee fought courageously from 7—13 behind to 20—20 before she first netted a rehum and then on Chang's service missed a lightning flick to her backhand.

Chang Te-Ying seemed to make harder work in beating Chung 23—21, 21—13, often missing with her attempted smashes to her opponent's forehand. In the

had Chim, from Motes and Hungary in their opening section. A realistic appraisal is that Eng-land's meloly young women's team have shown no falling

Corbillon Cup

doubles, too, Chang Te-Ying in North Kurez, depends on her seemed the weaker link being from in the coming months.

If throughout the rapidly completed match between the same four girls, China winning 21—17, 21—16. pletted match between the same lody girls, Coina winning 21—17, 21—16.

From the usual deadpan Chinese press conference afterwards, one gathered through an Interpreter that China had selected their team with an eye to Sonth Korea's wealchessed and were pleased that this time they had won 3—0 as opposed to 3—2 against the same opponents two years ago. The rest of us suspect that any two girls from the 10-strong Chinese women's team here would still have schieved comprehensive victory.

England's women finished several in the Corbilon Cup's finial standings after beating Hongkong 3—1 in their closing match, and England's men gained teith place overall in the Swaydingthatch, and England's men gained in sitvance by the original draw's composition which is based on the last world championships.

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Yesterday's results

Rugby Union

# Locks hold Welsh doubt

Gosforth, the John Player Cup holders, will be at full strength for their semi-final round tie against London Weish at Old Deer Park on Saturday.

lead the side. Last Saturday was his first game since injuring his back against Wales. "It's the strongest side we can put in the field", Barry de Zwaan, a club official, said.

official, said.

Gosforth are favourities to retain the cup. Their team is: B. Patrick; S. Archer, K. Bristen, H. Patrick; S. Gustard; R. Breakey, M. Young; C. White, D. Madsen, A. Cutter, T. Roberts, J. Hedley, P. Dison, D. Robinson, R. Uttley, London Welsh are almost certain to have their locks, Christopher Howcroft and Michael Roberts, available, "Mike is 90 per cent certain and Howcroft 99 per cent certain and Howcroft 99 per cent certain ", Geoff Bvans, a club spokesman, said yesterday.

Roberts has been troubled by damaged legaments in his right leg and Howcroft suffered an eye injury last week. Roberts trained on Tuesday night and will have a fined test at sonight's training session.

Howcroft did not trein on Tuesday because he had a patch over the eye. His doctor assured him he will be fit to practise tonight.

Alun Lewis returns at scrum half after a trip to Bernuda. There are two changes from the side which won at Moseley in the quarter-finel: Young at prop, in place of John Deacon, and lestyn Thomas hooking instead of John Smith.

The Weish are expecting a crowd of about 8,000, which has been matched at Old Deer Park only by the visit of Cardiff on the morning of an England-Wales international. The team is: G. Fuller; C. F. W. Rees, K. Hughes, J. L. Shankkin, R. Edisjones; W. N. Bennett, A. Lewis; S. Young, I. Thomas, B. Adem, M. G. Roberts, C. Howcroft, S. Warfow, J. Manfield, J. Taylor. Saracens, who travel to Water-loo in the other semi-final, will be without Peter Cadle, their best wing. He has been troubled by a hunstring injury for several weeks. Saracens are so short of wings—Russell Rogers and Hywell Chiffiths are also injured—thet they have had to move Peter Worsfold out of the centre. The North London Club's two other doubts. Smithers (ankle injury) and Harrigan (back), are expected to play. Harrigan will replace Peter Stevens, who has played in the last two matches. Christopher Mifford regains his place at scrum half, which he loot to Dowling at the end of January. The team is: M. Phillips; P. Worsfold, T. Smithers, D. Croydon, C. Hanson; P. Hawking, C. Milford; C. McGregor, J. Lockwood, R. Foliricke, Fisher and Lunt returning. Tickle, Fisher and Lunt returning trickle missed the quarter-final round against Bedford because of a rib injury.

Waterloo have to doubts, With Tickle, Fisher and Lunt returning troid almost 750 points. Their season, in which they have lost only four masches out of 31 and soured almost 750 points. Their team is: S. G. Inckle; J. N. Spaven, V. G. T. Jackson, S. F. Christopherson, M. Fiett; I. Ball, D. J. Carfoot; F. Blackburs, C. D. Fisher, F. Clarke, M. F. Blithigham, R. Short, K. Lunt, K. Hancock, L. Counor.

Today's fixtures



Precious, of England, belies his name as he hands off Rodriguez at Twickenham yesterday.

#### England win easily, keeping Trick up their sleeves By Peter Marson

England's 16-group schoolboys proved to be too strong for a French XV at Twickenham yesterday, and by no-side their superiority in most phases of the game brought them a comfortable victory by a goal a transfer of the same brought them a comfortable victory by a goal a transfer of the same and the same

brought them a comfortable victory by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to fall.

Turning round at half-time three points behind following a penalty goal by Rees, the French boys then allowed Jellings, the England captain, sofficient room to slip clear of the cover and score the first try. But that brought a healthy response from Vaillant and his side and there were moments when it seemed that they might spring a surprise. Encouragement was what they needed at this point, and a try would have done the trick. Unfortunately they were to receive another blow, and of course there could be only one result after that.

At this time, midway through the second half, England had been busy, even a little harassed, in defence and as their splendidly built lock forward Rodriguez, a pocket Restiat, led his heavy hattailons in a charge to the English line the ball was lost and won by Russell, England's full back, who had been lurking some 10 yards out. Accelerating upfield, Russell set sail for the French posts and, although he was pursued all the way, he could call on the speed he needed. So that meant a try for Russell and a simple conversion for Langford. Langford and Jellings looked a promising pair in the English centre, but they might have served their side better had they more speedily put the ball into the hands of two promising wings. Butier and Trick.

Twickentian's pitch was in perfect tim and a neith a picture for players and spectators, it was a pity that a lapse here and there in organization, and in behindour by some among many hundreds of school-boys liking the lower west stand, should combine to cast a shadow across such a picture. Failure to give Coopers School band the

across such a picture. Falling to give Coopers School band the

benefit of the loudspeaker system meant that many were seated during the playing of the "Marsellaise", and some members of strong for a clercham yesteratheir superiorates of the game outfortable vication of the parties of the game outfortable vication of the parties of the game outfortable vication of the pitch, and accompanied seater of the parties of an appeal in the propared Salefranque's two attempts to land kicks at goes, and this in spite of an appeal in the propared Salefranque's two attempts to land kicks at goes, and this in spite of an appeal in the programme for good behaviour.

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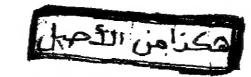
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#### Blackheath and London Welsh are kept apart

Blackheath and London Weish have been seeded at opposite ends of the draw in the Sevenoaks ends of the draw in the Sevenoaks seven-a-side tournament to be played next Sunday, starting at 2 pm. Other strong teams seem to be the Voyagers, captained by the former Weish international flanker, John Taylor, Public Schools Wanderers, who hope to include Granshaw, Attchison and Madik, all of Coventy, and London Scottish, who have listed eight internationals as being among their possible starters.

Biackheath will begin against Madistone, the team they played Biackheath will begin against
Maidstone, the team they played
in the semi-final round of the
Kent Cup. The other first round
matrice as follows:
Voyages v Sidcup; Streatham
Croption y Public Schools Wanderess; Beckenham v Richmond;
London Scottish v St Luke's
Woodford v Metropolitan Police;
Thurrock v Toutrage; Sevencess
v Lundon Weish.



bining well and James running strongly on the right wing, the Navy came back into the game and forced short two corners, the second of which led to the abortive

penalty stroke. The arrival of Batho as a second-half replacement

for Gregory gave the Navy a shar-per look, and for 10 minutes the RAF defence had several anxious

tain goal on the line from a short corner, and the one that followed might well have been a penalty

Relief from anxiety came to the RAF with Draper converting a short corner, and their game be-

short corner, and their game began to flow again. After Draper had struck another short corner, a Navy defender interfered with the follow-up and Duerden converted his second penalty stroke. Late in the game Draper scored the fifth goal from a short corner, but not before the RAF had repelled several Navy assaults.

# on Sea Pigeon at Liverpool today

Racing Correspondent

The Tote jackpot will be in operation at Liverpool today on this the first day of the Grand National meeting, and anyone who gets at will deserve a medal as well as the money because the whole card looks full of pitfalls. The ground is expected to be which may make mockery of some of the form this winter

ditions underfoot should suit See Pigeon, who is my selection for the Allied Manufacturing Handicap Hurdle. The heavy ground was all against him at Cheltenham yet be still managed to run well in the Champion Hurdle to fiulsh fourth. Although I have fiulsh fourth. Although 1 nave never regarded See Pigeon 2s a potential champion he is, nevertheless a good horse on his day. He proved that conclusively at Haydock Park in January when he won the Embassy Handicap Hurdle by seven lengths carrying 12 at 21h.

since there has been so much

That was an immensely impressive performance and one that convinces me now that he ought to be good enough to win again this afternoon, even with 12 st 6 lh on his back, in spite of the fact that in theory he has nothing in hand of Dawlish, who finished eight lengths behind him at Haydock.

successes at Cheltenham, the Irish contingent will be rooting for Mwanadike, Troyswood, Kilcoleman and Multiple. Of the four I prefer Mwanadike, especially now that she will be meeting Kilcoleman on better terms than when they clashed in the County Hurdle. Slim Jim is a runner who will interest a lot, but in my opinion it goes against the gran to fancy a novice to win a race of this nature carrying a stone more in fainty a nowice to who a face of this nature carrying a some more than he was given in the long handicap, even though he did run well against. French Hollow at Chepstow.

If Sea Pigeon does manage in live up to my expectations he could be the first of two winners for his jockey, John O'Neill, who

Liverpool programme

2.0 KNOWSLEY HURDLE (Novices: £2,127: 2m)

[Television (BBC1): 2.30 and 3.05 races. (BBC2) 3.40 and 4.15 300

432100 Santies Hill (D), (M. Vestey), D. Nicholson, 5-11-8 J. King G111 :Tree Wish (D) (E, Murphy Jun), A. Dickinson, 5-11-8

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230 TOPHAM TROPHY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £4,870:

3.05 SPORTING CHRONICLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:

000021 Tem Mergan (C) (B) (W/Cmdr P. Stead), K. Oliver, 8-11-7
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402142 Graveswood Girl (D) (J. Charkon), Mrs Finch, 8-11-6 J. Fox
401131 Roman Pastires (D) (W. O'Nell), P. Tarife, 6-10-11 G. Newman
p43131 Roman Pastires (D) (G. Possari), C. Davies, 8-10-10
201430 Ne Delgace (D) (Mrs C. Harvey), D. Nicholson, 8-10-8
111103 Birdland (D) (Mrs C. Reevs), M. H. Easterby, 9-10-8
11103 Dividing (D) (J. Sumpne), J. Thorne, 9-10-7, R. Evans
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513204 Even Melectr (Lady Hay), N. Crump, 8-11-9 .. C. Hawkins 3

21010 More Luck (D) 'D, Stapleton', D, Moriey, 5-11-4 0-2120 Seedle Girod (D) (Mrs C. Bellairs), B. Luck,

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dicap Hurdle on Asset.

Having his first race for a considerable time, Asset ran prometingly at Kelso earlier this month. But to fancy his chance this after-noon it is necessary to flick back through the pages of the form book to the meeting at Ayr in December when he beat Midao.

December when he beat Midao.

Midao had won his previous race comfortably, yet Asset managed to give him 121b and beat him by three lengths. Today the difference between the two is only 9 lb. On this occasion Manzoni could be Asset's main stumbling block, especially if he has improved since he finished sixth in the Imperial Cup, as I am led to believe he has.

As usual the Tonham Troomy anı led to believe he has.

As usual the Topham Tropmy will give us our first glimpse this year of horses jumping the Grand National fences. My short list comprises Even Melody and Cuckolder, both of whom will relish the better ground underfoot; Ben More, who seems to be running into form at long last, and Churchtown Boy, who may run in the Grand National as well. If he is at or anywhere near his best Cuckolder will give his backers a good run for their money and he is my choice.

a good run for their money and be is my choice.

The Greenall Whitley Formanters' Steeplechase is also run over parts of the National course. Rusty Tears landed a gamble when he won the Cathcart Challenge Cup at Cheltenham, but his opposition was weak that day and he will not find the going nearly so easy this time pitted against Timmie's Battle and Happy Warrior. Ridden by his owner, Peter Greenall, Timmie's Battle would be au extremely appropriate winner of the race that his family firm now sponsors, and he is not without a good chance.

In contrast the Sporting is not without a good chance.

In contrast the Sporting Chronicle Steeplechase will be run over what used to be known as the Mildmay course, which has normal funces these days. Having run Skymas to a neck in the National Hunt Two Mile Champion Steeplechase at Cheltenham, Grangewood Girl will never again have only 11 at 6 lb to carry in a race of this mature for a long time to come, so I only hope that she can make the best of what appears to be a golden

# O'Neill should fly high Three young men of Newmarket take a smooth road to the top

By Michael Seely
Money alone does not buy
classic winners, Park Top cost
only 500 guineas as a yearling.
By present day standards Grundy
and Wollow were not over-priced
at 11,000 and 7,000 guineas, respectively. But in the long-run it
is the sheer volume of cash that
foreigners are able to spend ou
colts bred in the purple that
accounts for their continued
domination of our prestige races.
For instance, last year's Derby
winner, Empery, who was by
Vaguely Noble out of that brilliant
race mare, Pamplona II, would

have fetched an astronomical sum if he had been put through the sale ring as a yearling. But it is not for want of talent in our trainers that we fall to hold our own. Quite apart from the hig names three men in their early thirdies at Newmarket are establishing solid and reliable reputations, Michael Stoute, Jeremy Nivolars and Cavin Printagel. Gordon.
Last year Stoute enjoyed his best season since he bought Beech Hurst in 1973. His 43 horses captured 52 races worth over £91,000. His 29 individual

over 193,000. His 29 individual winners meant that Stoute was successful with over two thirds of his string, a feat of exceptional skill. His record of winning those 52 races with only 240 runners was the best in the country. Hindley with 49 winners from 202 runners comes second judged by that yard-stick. tick.
This season Stoute has 61 horses in his yard, having bull 18 new boxes during the winter. He considers this to be the ideal and long-term planner, he never lets his inherent optimism get the better of him.

came in the Waterford Cando-labra Stakes. Characteristically Stoute was cautious in his fore-cast of their prospects. "Etienne Gerard has wintered well and he's pleasing me in his work", he said. But despite his easy win at Ascot there must be a question Ascot there must be a question mark after his fallure in the Middle Park Stakes. I'm running him in Kempton's 2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes on Easter Monday and we'll see how he gets on there ", he added.

Triple First made immense physical improvement throughout last season, and that improvement was also shown on the race-course. Stamins and guts are her chief characteristics. Her first test will be in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at the Newsparket Crawn meeting. at the Newmarket Craven meeting. Stoute considers that he has a Stoute considers that he has a well-balanced team this year. Although it is difficult to choose from such a good looking bunch, my four to follow are that useful four-year-old handicapper, Sousa, the progressive Tin Mine, and the three-year-old maidens, Cruising and Greenhill God.

Jeremy Hindley, though caste in different mould from Stoute. the same positive approach clarity of thought about his blems. Realizing that the present system of taxation in England prevents English owners from being able to afford the right type of animal to succeed no our pattern races, he took active steps to put matters right.
Together with Tim Bulwer Long, of the Heron Bloodstock Agency; the trainer embarked on a tour of the Middle East. As a direct result of that successful visit, Hindley now has some well hard two steps and cold that he recovered hred two-year-old colts by proven classic sires.

classic sires.

Hindley also has a strong team of three-year-olds. Of his fillies, Bessle Wallis, won the Houghton Stakes on her only appearance on a raccourse. Judged on her pedigree, Bessle Wallis might be regarded as more likely to make a candidate for the Oaks, but her trainer is throwing her in at the deep end by challenging Clooulara for the 1,000 Guineas.

Two days earlier at the same meeting another unraced filly, Princess Tiara, who is to be aimed at the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at the Epsom Spring meeting, had

at the Epsom Spring meeting, had captured the Somerville Tattersall Stakes. His other good filly, Rings, who also ended her two-

Gwyn.

Neither is Hindley short of good class colts. Common Land's half brother, He Loves Me, who narrowly beat Forty Winks in the Harry Rosebery Challenge Trophy at Ayr, may go for the Greenham Stakes. Ahs, the conqueror of that speedy colt, Haveroid, at Goodwood, is now fully recovered from the injury he sustained at exercise last August and may turn out for the Craven Stakes.

Hindley has no firm objective

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4.15 GREENALL WHITLEY STREPLECHASE (£2,299: 21m)

4.45 MIRABEL STAYERS HURDLE (Handicap: £2,449: 2m 5½f)
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00104 Asset (C. McGhie). G. Richards, 6-12-0 ...... J. O'Nelli
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200 Swift Shadow (Mrs A. Gibson), Thomson Jones, 3-11-7

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4.50 YOUNG STAYERS HURDLE (Div II : Novices : 4-y-o : £420 :

Liverpool selections

so impressive when beating Sport-ing Yankee at the Newmarket October meeting. Indeed Hindley stresses that his plans for all three are fluid as they are rated at 65.
This means that they may well be handicapped. Until the trainer has had a chance to judge their merits in their first serious work, he is the their hist serious work, he is keeping his options open. There are plenty of valuable three-year-old handicaps and it would be foolish to go for a pattern race if one of these appeared to be there for the taking. All in all Hindley looks a man to follow this season.

ably installed in Stulley House Stables has achieved remarkable success in transforming handi-cappers into animals of the highest calibre. His exploits with highest calibre. His exploits with Record Run and Court Chad are already well known, but over a year ago the trainer told me that Ardoon, who had won the Royal Hunt Cup carrying 8st 3lb the previous season, could also make the grade. After a cantering victory in the Newbury Spring Cup, the six-year-old went on to prove the trainer's noint in no uncertain the trainer's point in no uncertain

Ardoon belonged to Frank Feeney of the Ardoon Stud. Princhard-Gordon is more than hopeful of winning good races with the same owner's Kashiwa, who won four races in Ireland last season and finished third in the

Although Aspect disappointed his backers when finishing un-placed behind Tudor Jig in the Tote Spring Haudicap at Don-caster, his trainer was not dismayed as he did not consider the colt to be forward enough to do himself justice in the beacy ground.

#### Teesside abandoned

The new Flat season lost its first meeting to bad weather when today's Teeside Park card was abandoned because of the wet state of the course. But provided the weather does not deteriorate, the prospects for tomorrow reseonable, the Clerk of Course, John Chapman, said.

Folkestone results

(3-p-c: £738: 13-m)

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ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Rhodras, 8-1

Thomson's Policy. 10-1 Concords

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Later. Worth a Chance, 16-1 Pipatong

(4th), Falconier Princess Tavi, 20-1

Geoleebee, 25-1 Pathar's Footprints,
3-1 Strawberry Lady, Shelia's Edy,

Ryan's Prophol, Sad Eric, 18 ras.

TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 22p 51p/

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Levant Melody, 8-1 Burbling Brook, 9-1 Alison's Jewel 14th) 1-1 Minipold, Songhui, 16-1 My Mandolin, 20-1 Diamond Girt, Somers Point, 33-1 Kirk Sell. 12 ran. TUTE: Win, 87p; places, 36p 34p, 29p, A. Dalign, at Newmarket, 3, nk. Das winner was bought in for 420 Las winner was bought in for 420

3.15 (3.15) ALDINGTON

5.45 (3.45) KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (2881; 1 m) Foreignes, Ch. by Gulf Pearling Chess. (2.5) Sarker (3.5) Sarker

2.15: 1, Mr Resistor (12-1): 2 Thuster (16-1): 3, Kelice Brig (even fav), 21 ran. (12-1). 12 ren.
3.45; 1. Urmalition (evens fav);
2. Little Swift (35-1); 2. Guiscard (11-2). 3 ren.
4.15.1, indian Emperor (10-11 fav);
2. Sea Urchin (13-8); 3. Little Trader (44-1). 6 ren.

First acceptors



#### Monsanto to Superior skill gives RAF their victory the St-Cloud obstruction) a runeway RAF vic-tory seemed likely. But with Powell and Reid com-

There should be a stirring

distinguished performance in the RAF goal.

Before five uninutes had passed the Navy were unhappily launched with Gregory being temporarily suspended for a minor offence and Old picking up a centre from the right to give the RAF the lead. Then when Duerden converted a penalty stroke (awarded for stock

in the final of the British Universities bockey tournament (men) at Durham today, starting at 1.45 pm. The same teams met in the final lest year when UAU won after extra time on penalty strokes. The score had stood at 2—2 at the end of normal time. In consequence of yesterday's matches UAU and London finished first and second in pool A. Oxford and Cambridge gaining similar positions in pool B. In the semi-final round UAU were expected to beat Cambridge and they did by 1—0, but the surprise of the day was London's 3—1 win over Oxford in an exciting finish.

Last year's finalists meet again

RESULTS: Oxford 4, Tr Northern Irela

British

Royal Navy 0

placings

There should be a stirring battle next Wednesday at Aldershot, where the Royal Air Force will defend the Services hockey title against the Army. The RAF beat the Royal Navy at Brize Norton yesterday by a wide enough margin, the score being the same as that recorded by the Army against the Navy at Portsmouth last week.

By virtue of their superior skills, the RAF deserved to win, but were not five goals better on the run of play. For the first 10 minutes they were in full control, but after they had taken the lead the balance was restored, the only difference being that the RAF kept scoring and the Navy did not. They were handicapped without Siddell, who was injured.

If the Navy had converted a penalty stroke when they were two goals down, the story might have been different. Failure to score from it was costly, but a fairly good effort by McAuley was frustrated by Doyle, who made a distinguished performance in the RAF goal.

Belore five uninutes had passed From Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent Paris, March 30 Seven of the 10 runners in to-morrow's Prix de Ris-Orangis at Evry mer each other in the Prix Edmond-Blanc at St-Cloud on March 10. On that occasion it was Baly Rockette and Tony Murray who were the victorious pair, but now I am going for Daniel Wilden-stein's Monsanto, who finished Monsanto, whose stable won the

French racing

reverse

Monsanto, whose stable won the Prix de Ris-Orangis last year with El Restro, will have benefited greatly from his recent run. Last year the son of Breton won two races, of which the most impressive was the Prix de Rond-Point where he beat his stable companion, Nurabad, another of to-

panion, Nurabad, another of to-morrow's participants, by half a length.

It is impossible to fault Baly Rockette's record this year with three wins from three starts, but, when he won the Edmond-Blanc he had a Siness advantage over the rest of the field after two wins at Carnes-sur-Mer.

second time this month and must bave a chance following his fourth behind Baly Rockette in the Edmond-Blanc. A top-class per-former in his native land, Kronen-leranich also finished fourth to the 2000 Guineas possible, Phar-last year's Prix de la Fôret.

last year's Prix de la Foret.

My Last Sovereign and Mittainvilliers are freth after recent victories at Maisons-Laffittee, but the
former might find the one mile
of the Ris-Orangis too long, and
the latter, who is a specialist on
straight courses, would probably
prefer a little farther. Roan Star,
who under William Carson won
the 1975 Prix de La Foret, has
not run since July of last year
and will probably need the race,
a comment which can also be
applied to Iron Duke, a winner
last season of the Coupe de
Maisons-Laffirte and Prix de La
Côte Normande.

Golf

#### Distinction that could carry Whitgift though By Peter Ryde

Golf Correspondent Golf Correspondent

Thanks to a draw that is neither officially nor unofficially seemed, the Halford Hewitt Old Boys' golf tournament, which begins today over the courses of Royal Cinque Porus and Royal St. George's, usually produces an important match or two in the first round. This year is no exception, for Rugby, rumners-up to Charter-house three years ago, meet Watson's, who have not should lately, but who are rumouned this year to be darker horses than usual. Only one activolo out of these two. Merchiston, the holders, and Wellington, can still reach the fourth round when the tournament concentrates at Deal on Saturday.

Whitgift, runners-up last year,

on Saturday.

Whitght, runners-up last year, are in the same quarter, drawn against Clefton. In P. Hedges and I. Caldwell, Whitght have two who have played in the Walker Cup, a distinction which is expected only I think by Charter. equation only, I think, by Charter-house with P. Benkn and M. J. Christmas. These two are playing again this year, but the Carthusians will be weakened by the absence of M. Hughesdon and I. Quick. Still, in their more relaxed moments they entertain the hope of bringing off the Grand Slam of public school golf—by winning in the same year this event, the Grafton Morrish, the Bernard Darwin Trophy and the Queen Elizabeth, which is played in Scotland

Radley by a whisker after going the distance

By Our Rackets Correspondent By Our Rackets Correspondent
Clifton, Harrow and Maivern
had clear-cut wins in the Schools
rackets championships at Queen's
Club yesternisy. Radley struggled
manhilly and came through against
Windbester by a whisker when
Pepper and Sutton beat Breitmayer and MadDoneil by 17—14,
4—15, 3—15, 15—11, 8—15, 15—1,
18—16. It was one of those scraps
that always looked like going the
distance with the prize going to
the braver or lockler.

In the event, look did not enter

In the event, back did not enter into it, and it was the cooler qualities of Radiey that prevailed against a better looking but unreliable and often tense pair. There were spells in the first fourth and sixth games when Winchester's concentration seemed miles away. They inogged at the hall without much finesse, and ball without much finesse, and somatimes missed helf a dozen or more on the trot. This counted against them in the end, though MacDonell did pull his game together in the final moments.

Radley looked like termis mather than rackets players, using stiff wrists, but effectively nove theless. Suiton served from the shoulder as the teoris player at easily Wimbledows did but he won many points. The tail Pepper used a double handed backhand and

last point. Eton and Harrow reached the Eton and Harrow reached the colts' final, and the two semi-final matches provided some of the best play of the day. Harrow's Paul and Prenn beat Wellington's Mallinson and Low by 16—17, 17—14, 15—10, 15—6, 10—15, 15—6, and Paul's brilliance was greatly responsible for it. He began to make his mark when Wellington, having won the first game, led 14—5 in the second. Eton's Faber and Pease beat Cliffon's Rourse and Scott by REBULTS: First round: Malverr (P. J. Rosser and A. J. B. McDonald) beat Halleybury II. (P. Wallis, L. P. B. 15—1. 15—1. 15—1. 15—1. 15—1.

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Boxing

#### Affi to receive \$12m for last defence

Los Angeles, March 23.—The world beavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad All, will defend his title for \$12m in September. Benjamin Thompson, a promoter, said today. "It will be All's last fight", Mr Thompson told a press conference. He said that All's opponent would probably be the winner of a clash between Duane Bobick and Ken Norton, scheduled for New York's Madison Square Garden on May 11.

Mr Thompson, a California businessman who is promoting his first big sports event, told reporters that the All bout would be staged at an undisclosed venue outside the United States in early September. The challenger would be paid \$2.25m.

No confirmation was available from All's headquarters in Chicago but earlier this mouth a spokesman for the champion said he had entered into a tentative agreement with Mr Thompson

Last October All said he was retiring. Just two days after defeating Ken Norton in New York he told reporters: "I've lost all interest in boxing." All said he was answering a plea from Wallace Muhammad, leader of the Black Moslem movement of which All is a member, that he "take up the banner of truth" by spreading the Moslem religion

Squash rackets

be decisive

factor for Leslie

Stamina could be the deciding factor when Britain's leading amateur, Jonathan Leslie, meets Cameron Nancarrow for a place in the semi-finals of the British Open squash championships sponsored by Lucas at Wembley today. The 26-year-old Leslie, a Beaconsfield barrister, has already proved he possesses plenty of skill and is not overawed by reputations. He clearly demonstrated this while disposing of the tough Australian and number six seed, Ken Hiscoe, on Tuesday.

Leslie, the British close champion, is confident he can continue

Lesite, the British close cham-pion, is confident he can continue his run of success. He can expect stubborn resistance from the 30-year-old Nancarrow from Sydney, who is seeded eight above his rival on number 3 and is among the world's top six 'players.

Ali is a member, that he "take up the banner of truth" by spreading the Moslem religion, Since then he has flirted repeatedly with a return to the ring.

Rumours of retirement quashed by Stracey

John Stracey, besten in 10 rounds at Wembley by Dave Green, will not retire. A remarking the cheerful Stracey said from the eye, I was not tured and, spart from the eye, I was not hurt. I didn't mind him himing me with his first, it was his head that I objected to.

I am sorry I lost fight Green again. He would not for the fact that my left eye closed and I could not see him closed yesterday, by a large purple bruse, and he was also nursing bumps and bruses all over his body. But he intends to come back after taking a long

"Green will fight Cartos Palomino for the world title and I sincerely wish him the best of luck. But then I want to fight him again. I was out of the ring for nine months before Tuesday's fight. Next time it will not be so long", Stracey said. "I am honestly sure that, but for the eye, I would have beaten him. When he said to me in the minth round 'you've got me', be meant it. He didn't say it clearly, he gasped it out. His head was on my shoulder and he could hardly get his breath. He wasn't goading me.

his fists, it was his head that I objected to.

"Naturally I am sorry I lost the fight. Life is for winners. But I am glad of one thing and that is that the referee did not disqualify Green. It would have been nice to win, but that would have been the wrong way. At least the fight made me feel that I still have the pride to stand and take punishment if I have to:

"Green was back in Chatteris punishment if I have to."

Green was back in Chatteris yesterday, but his supporters will not have long to fere him. He is going to Florida, with his wife, at the weekend, for at least three weeks, and he has already been making enquiries about getting some sparring in Miami. He is not likely to box again before he meets Palcunno at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on June 14.

shoulder and he could hardly get his breath. He wasn't goading me. He was ready to go."

Stracey said that Green's If the fight had not been stopped punches had not hurt until the swelling rose over his left eye, out.

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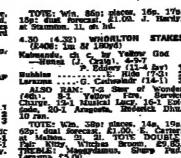
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by Prudence Glynn

# Bacon and golden

"Money is like muck, no good except it be spread", wrote Francis Bacon, relieving yours truly of the need to ferret about for an original statement about the necessity and power of good fashion design. I accept no designer as great until his influence can be seen everywhere, and the most depressing comment I have heard in recent months

♠ Above: The most influential designer in Paris now is undoubt-

Above: The most influential designer in Paris now is undoubtedly Kenzo Tekada of Jap, but we have our own naturalized contribution from the Far East in Yuki. Yuki's evening clothes, those languorous, sweeping and miraculously cut shapes, which always suggest the boudoir while managing to look right in the ballroom, have been a major influence on fashion for five years. This day-wear collection is quite new. Watch for the tiny waist achieved by showing a tightly welted sweater under a very short, broad jacket. Watch also for the chimney height cowl which comes separately from every sweater. A bright idea and one that will be picked up.

is that there are students going through our generous art school system who have doubts about whether they should be in one or other area of work because their social conscience tells them that good design is available only to the

Surely the social conscience should seek-like William Morris, who is so often quoted in this context, and was regarded, let me add, by Clement Attlee as more a friend to socialism than Karl Marx-to reach every level so that the maker enjoys the pleasure of producing something worthwhile and the consumer can be pleased with and educated to be even more pleased

with the efforts of those who have enjoyed design education. The five designers featured on this

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page today epitomized my theory, for whatever the cost of these original prototypes, the result of hours and hours of work and discipline and above all latent creative talent, I think you will find these looks in the high streets the world within weeks or even days. There are a lot of things we have to buy abroad, and many of them are closely connected to fashion but for original trends we need go nowhere, as the blanket coverage of the other international collections has proved, again, only too clearly.

Below: There are two things in Bill Gibb's latest collection which I predict will be copied at once. The first is the pleat front, plain backed, split-sided skirt shown here. The other is a certain long jersey with a deep welt. It stops short of being a minidress sweater, but it will be the way a lot of women get back into really short skirts. In a collection even more beautiful than his last, Bill Gibb bowed to royalty with a motif of the thistle and the rose embroidered on everything from the check worsted panels on his fabulous fur coats (the best furs I have ever seen) to evening dresses, and proved that however useless the Stuarts may have been at ruling, the mixture of tartan, lace and velvet could make Jacobites of us all. Brown and cream checked worsted jacket, braid tie at the back; plain brown pleatfronted skirt. Little hat by Diane Logan, shoes by Bally, white woolly socks with brown whatever those things on the outside are called. Fabulous fox, grey squirrel and worsted coar by Bill, made by Philip Hockley.

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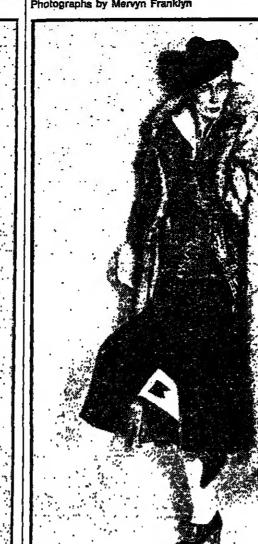


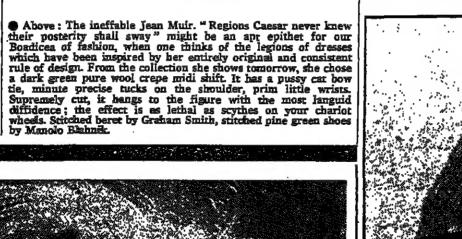


with such wit and style. Taupe silk shirt with a black silk tie, tie under waistcoat with a muff front pocket, black pants, black eather trimmed reversible toga in taupe and black and cream wool. Quilled saucer hat by Frederick Fox for John Bates.



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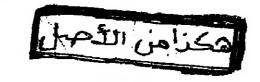
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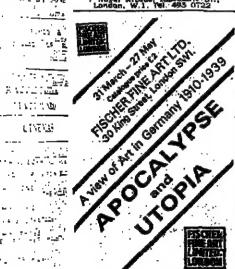
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Il castello di

Kenilworth

their name with their production at the Camden Festival this week, of Donizetti's Elisabetta al castello di Kenilworth: it seems to have been performed nowhere since 1835, and before that only in Naples (where itwas warmly enough received at the first production in 1829 to warrant a revival the following year) and Madrid.

THE ARTS

As the title may suggest, the opera derives from Sir Walter Scott's historical novel Kenilworth, though by the time it reaches Donizetti, via Victor Hugo and Eugène Scribe on whom his librettist leaned, not much history remained. It had become an Italian romantic opera about royalry in a distant country some centuries earlier, a genre much cultivated not least by Donizetti who had already composed Alfred the Great and was, less than two years after Kenilworth, to have his first lasting success with

Anna Bolena. Already in Kenilworth there are signs of operatic genius. The four principal characters are kept firmly in the limelight. are kept firmly in the limelight, strongly contrasted: Amelia (Scott's Amy Robsart) all loving womanhood, pushed aside, threatened, scotned, finally triumphant, and affectingly portrayed here by Yvonne Kenny; Elisabeta, our Virgin Queen, vengeful at the news that her beloved is already married, but more sympathetically ried, but more sympathetically treated than in many romantic plays, involving her, another virtuoso role for Janet Price, who seemed to smile almost all the time; then the beloved Leicester, here renamed Alberto, imperious but also cowardly in the struggle of loyalties to wife and monarch, loyalties to whe and monarch, as Maurice Arthur ably conveys; and the villainous Warney, who fancies Amelia and is played with cloak-and-dagger glower by Christian du Plessis.

The three acts include some eloquent music, notably the confrontation of husband and wife, a sequence of strong duets; a splended vocal quartet at the end of the second act: an aria for Amelia, curiously scored with obligato harp and celesta (surely an anachronism in 1829), and a final aria for the Queen with a pungent cor

First night nerves were to be sensed on stage and in the pit. where Alun Francis was spirit-edly conducting the Philomusica of London; doubtless the performances tomorrow and on Saturday will run more smoothly. Italian enunciation seemed commendable, Anthony Holland's stage designs were Holland's stage designs were London Libby's production well-paced and attentive, somewhat too derk, too often.



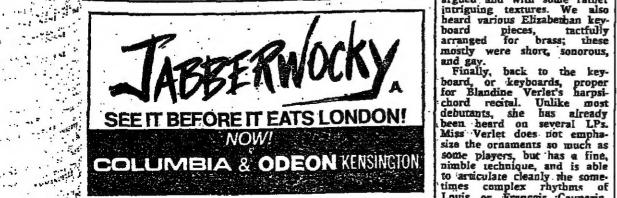
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# Taking a chance on young Verdi

I masnadieri

New Theatre, Cardiff

A little while ago Schiller's first play Die Räuber was given a risible production in London. The Welsh National Opera's staging of I masnadieri, the work Verdi based on Schiller, should erase a few of those smiles. For years the opera has been considered too big a risk. The WNO's performance, which has opened their Cardiff season, is reckoned to be the first major opera company production in Britain for well over a century of Verdi's London commission. Philips, though, must have inspired a little confidence when they recorded I masnadieri with a cast led by Caballe and Bergonzi. The WNO have succeeded-

and their success in many ways looks back to another early Verdi opera, Nubucco, which turned them into a national company—because they have given I masnadieri, for all its blooking or and out of a seril area. blemishes, a vote of total sup-port. Julian Hope's production may look a little drab, with its wooden tables and black gravestones set on a raised slatted stage against a background of black Lowryesque trees. But it takes no liberties. Every temptation has been resisted to make a mock of warring brothers, deep-eyed villains, chance en-counters, gallows rescues, at-tempted parracide and fraticide. All operatic life is there. Andrea Maffei, who fashioned the libretto from Schiller, was even a little diffident about his own work: "... my task is to circumscribe in a few verses the huge tragedy of Die Räuber without hoping or claiming for my effort the exacted title of literature. Inconsistencies in-flate to wild improbabilities, but they are brushed aside by the vigour, vitality and constant onward sweep of the music. The WNO are lucky in having

as their musical director a natural early Verdi conductor, Richard Armstrong. From the prelude Mr Armstrong put his stamp on the score, relishing its energy, accepting the imitations of Donizetti and Bellini, but above all conducting with constant precision and attack. Verdi was 33 when he wrote I masnadieri and Mr Armstrong is very close to that age now. Here is a young conductor responding with instinctive passion to a young composer's score.

One of Verdi's commentators called I masnadieri a "turgid tale of blood, hate and terror".

debuts

The performance directions of

seven of the eight movements of Schumann's Kreisleriana in-

clude either molto or assai, but

that is no excuse for the undis-ciplined exaggerations of

close of No 3 was typical with its overemphatic phrasing and

overblown dynamics: plenty of energy was apparent yet little Schumann survived. The Alla marcia of Beethoven's Sonata

Op. 101, was, as so often, too violent also, and there was little finesse in the concluding

Allegro. Then, after the inter-val, Mr Klein's control in the Chopin Op. 25 Etudes, if not

quite immaculate, was so much better as to suggest that another planist had taken over.

The G sharp minor piece in thirds was beautifully finished,

the noctural C sharp minor very sensitive, the high-step-ping grace of the G flat major

Etude delicious. In fact the

so contradictory as to defy

André Previn's Outings for Brass proved thoroughly enjoy-able, offering caricatures of down-market brass band music,

of a particularly lugubrious blues of Kurt Weill, and so forth. There was finely matched

forth. There was finely matched playing, too, from the Albany Brass Ensemble, especially in the quick-footed finale. Not far behind in entertainment value was Joseph Horowitz's Music Hall Suite, which rather more affectionately parodies earlier popular styles, most amusingly in the Soft-Shoe Shuffle movement. Philip

Shuffle movement. Philip White's Brass Quintet, which

and its first performance, con-sisted of three brief move-ments, conventional yet well argued and with some rather

intriguing textures. We also heard various Elizabethan key-board pieces, tactfully arranged for brass; these mostly were short, sonorous,

size the ornaments so much as some players, but has a fine, nimble technique, and is able to articulate cleanly the sometimes complex rhythms of Louis or François Couperin.

There was a vitality and a real feeling for the dance rhythms

of the former's D minor Suite.

Yet some pieces by Jacques Duphly, and one Rondeau in

particular, sounded to me-no

expert on the period—like in-ferior François Couperin.

Certainly it did not seem a

good plan for Miss Verlet to

play such music after "Le Grand's " Septième Ordre.

The English Bach Festival

opens with a performance on

April 24 at the Royal Opera

House, of La Princesse de Navarre, a collaboration be-

tween Rameau and Voltaire

given with great splendour at Versailles in 1745 at the wedding of the Dauphin. son of Louis XV, with Maria-

As at Versailles

Max Harrison

conclusions.

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A father's blessing—Richard van Allan and Kenneth Collins

introduce the Moor brothers: first Carlo, a Captain Mac-Heath who has taken up with the Robbers of the title in rebellion against family life; then Francesco, who is deter-mined to inherit the Moor for-tunes; finally their father Massimiliano and Carlo's beloved Amalia. The technique entrance aria and cabaletta is as formal as a cocktail party where no one knows anyone else. But once the intro-ductions are over the opera

Carlo or Karl (Stephen Oliver's generally fluent translation rather perversely reverts to the German names), the Robber Chief, is one of Verdi's reflective tenor warriors. He is inich given to solitary brood-ing on love and death, but it leads to a persuasive series of heroic arias starting with "O heroic arias starting with mio castel paterno". This becomes in translation

Land of my home and father. Green are your hills forever, which sounds as though the There is no doubting the blood and hate, and maybe there is a Welsh have taken over Verdi's Franconia. Kenneth Collins

little terror, but turgid it is not in performance once the first act is over.

The opening three scenes are stilted in construction as they for that other social outcast, Manrico in Trovatore, Carpers might complain of an apparent fading at the end of Act II and insufficient colour. But this was most noble and exciting piece

of Verdi singing. Terence Sharpe's lacks the ideal baritone bite, the Gobbi rasp, for Francesco, who, like the Baronet of Ruddigore, is condemned to commit an evil deed every scene, even though the score suggests from time to time that he's not a bad chap after all, Richard van Allan cuts a much more impres-sive figure as Massimiliano who is forced to spend his declining years not in a comfortable armchair but in a dungeon in the woods. The plump Lablache, who created the role, was described as doing everything to perfection apart from suggest-

ing a man suffering from starvation. No such accusations could be aimed at the angular limbs of Mr van Allan who made a fine contribution to the two best duets in the opera-which Massimiliano shares with Carlo and Amelia respectively.

The weakness is Amalia herself, the role Verdi composed for Jenny Lind. It is an almost tangential part and Amalia is virtually inactive except when she has to seize a dagger to protect her honour, an action clumsily handled on the opening night. Suzanne Murphy is an attractive young soprano with a good coloratura range, but the words are indistinct and the tone too often forced. She will surely improve with

It has been claimed that Verdi composed I masnadieri with due regard to the "fine British choral tradition". I wonder. The choral numbers are much weaker than those of Macbeth, which he wrote at the same time, apart from the Act III hymn to pillage, "With rape and with mirder destrucrape and with murder, destruc-tion and ruin", which Sullivan was to parody some yeers later. The WNO chorus attacked that one with zest and righely found themselves in the limelight. Cardiff has been shown that the 33 year old Verdi had a

handful, no, a sackful of songs to bring them. Most of them are well sung; all of them are exceedingly well played.

John Higgins

# Inspired by young Mendelssohn



Alexandra Radius and Han Ebbelaar

**Dutch National Ballet** Stadsschouwburg, Amsterdam

John Percival

It was the scherzo of Mendels-sohn's Octet Opus 20 that first sonn's Octet Opus 20 that first tempted Hans van Manen to make his new ballet of the same title, and it has inspired him to the most exhilarating heights of invention. Even if his choreography had not been the shining success it is, the production would still have been worthwhile for increasing been worthwhile for increasing the opportunities to hear this superb flight of fancy by the 16-year-old composer. Happily, the rest of the music and of the baller is almost on the same level.

The first movement alone lasts a quarter of an hour, which is already as long as some ballets. The marvellously sustained flow of the music, never losing its impetus from the first bar to the last, demands a similar fluency from the choreographer. Van Manen has set this movement for two leading couples, two couples who have half-soloist prominence and an ensemble of four more couples. Only rarely are they all brought together; usually they succeed each other in quick entries, based largely on pirouettes and arabesques, circling or travers-ing the stage, with one begin-ning almost before the other is

Such flow of classical dance invention is not new for this choreographer. It was seen early in his career, notably in the Stravinsky Symphony in Three Movements, and has been the preoccupation of his recent works to nineteenth-century romantic music. In the Octet it has acquired a new sharpness and speed which Van Manen freely acknowledges to the influence of the placing and pulse.

Manen's work that, although keenly interested in the qualities of individual dancers, he has never concerned himself much with solos. His pre-ference is for showing the individual in relation to others. The first movement of Octet is built entirely on couples; in the Andante he retains only the more prominent of the leading couples. Alexandra Radius and Han Ebbelaar, setting them against a back-ground of the six supporting men.

The mood darkens here, reflected in a change of lighting that transforms Jean-Paul Vroom's abstract backcloth (based, I think, on cloud pat-terns) from vernal green to dark blue. There is a recurrent motif of a fall to the floor, but used for its formal and emotional quality without any heavy

Now comes the Scherzo allegro, a kind of overture to the Midsummer Night's Dream Overture which Mendelssohn wrote a year later, and perhaps making even better use than its famous successor of similar thematic material. The speed and lightness of the music, played sempre pp e staccato, produces a shimmering effect. The backcloth now becomes slate grey, to set off by con-trast the dazzling brilliance of the choreography.

It is written for 10 women, the from ensemble and a supplementary group, and consists of repeated brief entries, taken extraor-dinarily fast and based largely on grands jetes; swift soaring leaps, again in crossing or circling parterns. The cumulative effect has an overwhelming physical excitement like the climax of Lander's Etudes, but applied with infinitely more refinement and subtlety of

ing New York City Ballet's avoid an anti-climax, but com-recent Paris season.

It is a singularity of Van Manen's work that, although off the work handsomely. Van Manen even begins it with a little joke for cognoscenti, as Henny Jurriens makes an entry like Ashton's Oberon before the last of the Scherzo women has left the stage. He and Jeanette Vondersaar (a long-limbed new soloist of smiling ease) were the second leading couple of the first movement; they now initiate a swirling pattern of movement

> The dancers of the Dutch National Ballet, their technique already refreshed and their sense of style alerted by new revivals of Balanch 18 Form Temperaments and Le Tombeau de Couperin, responded with crisp attack to the speed and intricacy of the dances. Musically, too, it was a reward-ing performance with Adam Gatehouse, on loan from Ballet Rambert, conducting the string octet drawn from the Nether

which gradually involves all

Another new work on the same programme, Jeux, is to some extent a pièce d'occasion.
with a role created to mark
the fortieth anniversary of Johan Mittertreiner's stage debut. The choreographer, Toer van Schayk, disclaims any hidden meanings, but you will get some idea of the ballet's complexity if I say that Mirtertreiner's part suggests sometimes a deferential old gardener, once a pet dog, and occasionally the god Pan.

lands Ballet Orchestra.

Maria Aradi plays convinc-ingly the rather chic woman of the world who begins the work by coming into the garden at night to pick up the children's toys, and subsequently leads the ambiguously assorted quin-tet of dancers. Van Schayk's playful and intriguing action incorporates poses from pictures of Nijinsky's ballet to this music but is unlikely to be

The Magic Drum Lyttelton

Irving Wardle

After importing eminent foreign companies playing world authors, the Lyttelton's visitors' policy now yields its first regional repertory show: a children's play from the Leices-ter Phoenix, which, as it happens, is the most imaginatively staged production I have yet seen in this house.

That, I must add, should not be taken as a blanket family audience recommendation. Announced as suitable for children aged between five and 11, James Kirkup's text is a fable in the Chinese manner concerning a peasant couple who receive a heavenly child, who himself receives the divine gift of a drum whose sound enchants the Emperor with dire results to its owner, who is pursued over the mountain snows and perishes in a river, finding eventual reunion with his cherished instrument after

Some points of the tale are not clear to me (why should Tenko's parents refuse to give him a drum; and why need he abandon his prize instead of going to play for the Emperor?), and I imagine that a good many of yesterday's young audience were as baffled

as my own five-year-old.

Taken on a more elevated plane, the story offers a curious

echo of the Orpheus myth, compressing the lyre and the be-loved into a single object. And whatever the narrative obstacles, nobody could be bored by Michael Bogdanov's staging, which adopts Chinese convention with extreme precision and

inventiveness. The set consists of a single property: a circular disc like a drum-skin, which functions both as a sky-cloth and silhouette screen. Hand-props, apart from musical instruments, the company supplying all their own accompaniments, include little beyond bamboo poies and draperies, used with continually astonishing fertility. Flags, for instance, serve as inner-stage curtains, as weapons, roofbeams and cottage walls, and, under Paul Bannister's lighting,

as unleashed elemental forces. The company, taking their cue from Derek Hollis's storyreller, combine lucidly dis-passionate performance with displays of physical skills, wrestling, conjuring, dance: and in climaxes such as the first-act thunderstorm or the mountain chase, with whirling flags and billowing silken sheets, Mr Bogdanov stunningly couples conventionalized austerity with sophisticated sound and lighting, Children are supposed to approach the theatre through narrative; but this kind of sensuous impact provides a possible alternative route.

Tickets are still available for the April 7 and April 9 per-

One Friday Westminster

Ned Chaillet

Edmund Banyard's One Friday is devotional, a musical meditation on Christian doubt. In the mind of a prisoner awaiting execution in an unnamed country the passion of Christ is revisited with fellow prisoners, guards, wife, mother and, of all things, the prison rea lady, taking the parts of the biblical story.

Time and manners are blurred in the telling: Pilate is represented by a guard with a swathe of royal cloth over his guard's uniform; the Resurrection is discounted by a team of cynical reporters; the citizens who call for Barabbas to be released are described as a "Caiphas rent-acrowd". Like the medieval miracle plays the language reflects the present and the biblical words that appear are much more modern than those in the King James version.

Music is also crucial to Mr Banyard's message. Fifteen songs and two reprises move the action from the prison to Peter's denial of Christ, to the words spoken from the Cross,

to the Resurrection and back to the profane cell. The doomed prisoner. Thomas Messenger, a doubter like his namesake, links the passages with readings from the Bible and from his notebooks as he tries to find the faith to face his own death on a Good Friday in the present.
Richard Manuel, who plays
Messenger, keeps his single
level of intensity by wrinkling
his brow and clasping his Bible; it is a passive part, except when he can sing and he fails to ex-tend a life into his totem character. The other actors shift, find their dramatic footing in one character, only to lose it elsewhere, but there are nicely realized moments from Mason Taylor as a drill sergeant and from Ruth Madoć who portrays Mary Magdalene and who is

sings. The songs, by Edmund and Philip Banyard and Kathleen Johnson, are extremely varied in effectiveness. The more melodramatized tunes, staged for all their emotional content by John Dryden, seem surpris-ingly strong, but the production numbers, such as "Keep Your Kingdom", are forcedly cheer-ful and clumsily ironic and the words rarely merit attention. There is a nicely humorous moral song in "I've Said it Before".

powerful effective when she

Jimmy Raney Shaw

Richard Williams

The Camden Jazz Festival's passion for catholicity of proproductive, rather than giving an enlightened view of the several generations of its sub-ject. Last night, in the second festival presented a mixture which, while piquant on paper, proved puzzlingly flat in the testing.

Jimmy Raney is an American guitarist, a shadowy product of post-war jazz, whose reputation far exceeds his recorded output. Accompanied by his son, Doug, on second guitar, and two local musicians, bassist Dave Green and drummer Trevor Tompkins, he warmed slowly to his task but eventually semiled into the fituent style characteristic of his era, dependent on endless swings dependent on endless strings of semi-quavers. Phreses which began with bravura filurries too often petered out through exhaustion rather than plan-

Doug Raney, by contrast, resembled in bearing and playing style the young Robert Mitchum, laconic to the point of reluctance. At least he brought some variety of attack and phrase-structure but neither

guitarist appeared to pay any great attention to the promptings of their accompanists and the result was a curious emotional anaemia.

Adam Makowicz, the Polish pianist, played a brief solo set which displayed a real gift for cascading right-hand runs and a fashionable ability to juxtapose the most far-flung idioms, but his music seemed always to be moving crabwise and never towards the heart:

The mear of the evening came, not unexpectedly, from the reunion of Chris McGregor's Blue Notes. Their rambling dis-cursive performance at least focused on some of the genuine virtues of jazz, and although the contributions of the brilliant alto saxophonist Dudu Puk-wana were mostly confined to unfinished sentences and unre-lated paragraphs, his ragged phrasing and corrosive tone dispelled the evening's prevailing sterility. One duet with bassist Johnny Dyani, the saxophone crying against slow, shuddering pizzicaro figures, was unforget-

ably dramatic. Unfortunately the event was recorded for television by a BBC crew which showed scant courtesy to the audience. One courtesy to the audience. One cameraman provided moments of high comedy by following Pukwana across every inch of the stage, until the musician retaliated by blowing a raspberty in the offender's ear and hiding under the piano.

Riders To The Sea Sadlers Wells

Paul Griffiths

Vaughan Williams's Riders To The Sea, which closed last night's double bill by students of the Royal Northern College of Music is an excellent oneact opera for young singers. But there are not many such works, and it was wise of the college to commission a companion from a member of their staff, Brian Hughes, the Welsh com-

He in turn was wise to set his hand to light comedy rather than my to match the doom of Riders. As it turned out his Stars and Shadows was a pleasing complement and an enterraining piece in its own right. I must admit that when Mr Hughes's opera opened with a

pastiche of Stravinsky pastiche my heart sank. Yet soon the piece was snapping happily in other directions, within illustrating the turns performed by young people auditioning for a pantomime. I could have done within any of the marking. without some of the gushing about the magic of the theatre and most of the finale, where the heroice takes the trail to of amareur ralent, however, the

opera was a hit.

It also served its purpose well, providing a large cast with varied roles, thanks to the ingenuity of both the composer and his libretrist, Ursula Vaughan Williams. So numerous were the characters, indeed that it would be difficult and unfair to mention individuals; all were very competent and several showed great spirit. The composer conducted what was always an elert performance. Joseph Ward was the producer.

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions of yesterday's newspaper.

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# Fear that Rhodesian statement implies recipe for delay: Dr Owen prepared to visit Salisbury

Or David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, stated during question time that on his visit to South Africa he would be having talks with Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Mindster. He added that although he had no plans for visiting Rhodesia, if the situation

ing Rhodesta, it the situation appeared to warrant it he would be prepared to go.

Replying to questions, Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab) said he hoped to find a suitable basis for resuming negotiations that would lead to a peaceful transition to majority rule in 1978. to majority rule in 1978.

This would be the chief topic of his forthcoming visit to Africa and a major subject to be discussed at the end of the week in London with Secretary Vance.

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)—The statement by the Rhodesian government vesterday shows Mr Smith is still prepared to have a two-year transition to majority rule under certain cendi-

The time has come for the The time has come for the Government to establish an authoritative British presence in Rhodesia which would help to work out arrangements for the interim government period, includ-ing arrangements for the electron ing arrangements for the election of an African leader for that

ment.
The problem about that statement was that, as I understood it, he was adding the revo-teor majority rule period to the date of the formation of the interim This is a recipe for indefinite delay. The world, and the British Government, expects the two-year period to majority rule to start from the time Mr Smith himself from the time Mr Smir made this commitment.

We have asked for majority rule to start from March, 1978. Mr Stephen Hastings (Mid-Bedfordshire. Ci-Now that the Geneva initiative has indisputably failed, the only course is to invite the Rhodesians to produce their own solution. When something suitable and reasonable has been put forward we should seek to impose some form of plebiscite, perhaps with American help. Is not Bishop Muzorewa perhaps the most hopeful figure on the African side?

Dr Owen-Mr Hastings is advocating an internal solution. The United States Government has firmly said they do not believe that would be the way forward; that is also the view of the British Government. Government.

Rhodesian opinion goes much whose than those who are currently in Rhodesia. What is needed in Rhodesia is a stuble solution that will last, not something which is produced which does not meet the produced which does not meet the legitimate aspirations of the black people for black majority rule in a period of time after free elections. That is what is at issue.

Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler (North-West Norfolk, C)-Does Dr Owen imagine he will actriere what he calls a stable solvtion if he has ruled out the possibi-lity of any discussions with Mr Smith in Rhodesia on his forthcoming visit to Southern Africa?
I understand from his earlier reply he has ruled out the possible lity of a permanent British repre-centative in Rhodesia and the propeople to determine who should lead an interim govern-

ruled out three drings I have not ruled out. I have certainly not ruled out the establishment of a British presence in Rhodesia but I for bringing forward.

do not think it is appropriate at the present moment.

Consulting Rhodesian opinion is

cuss. This is best done when one recognizes that Rhodesian opinion goes outside the confines of Rhogoes outside the continue of the design. There are many people who are Rhodesians who are outside Rhodesia. We need a settlement that will cease guerrilla action and will produce peace and stability around Rhodesia's borders.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—Since Mr Smith first made a commitment to majority rule within two years he has sought every opportunity to slide out of that commitment. His statement vesterday leads to the final repudiation by Smith of majority rule within two years. In these circumstances, how can there possibly be a peaceful solution?

Dr Owen-Mr Hughes's reading is more accurate than the other inter-pretations. I hope that is not the

197S. Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—Will his conversations with the front line presidents include the possibility of an international peace-keeping force from the United Nations or Commonwealth in Rhodesia?

Dr Owen—I hope he is right in his Dr Owen—I am prepared to con-interpretation of Mr Smith's state-sult and discuss any aspect of the whether we like it or not, that it would not be possible to put a United Notions peace-keeping force in Rhodesia. We have to accept the realities of the situation, harsh as they may be.

There may come a time when such a force may have a stabilizing influence, but I think that that would be out of the question now. One has to look at it when the circumstances arise.

Mr Reginald Maudling (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C)—As what matters are the wishes of the people of Rhodesia, ro whom we are responsible, why does he rule out an internal solution? Dr Owen-There are dangers in talking about an internal solution; it has become the shorthand term for a solution which does not have the approval of all those people representing black nationalist opinion. It is a way to rule out those black nationalists outside Rhodesia but is a recipe for con-tinued violence and commung

guerrilla activities round the borders of Rhodesia. What is surely to be hoped is that black Africans should combine together to fight democratic elec-tions in Rhodesia under a supervised system we can all recognize and I hope that that is what MPs on all sides want to see.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)-The first thing he has to estabcommitted to African majority rule in two years. This is not the first time there has been ambiguity by Mr Smith on constitutional mat-

Unless there is African consent, any constitutional settlement will be doomed to disaster as has been proved in the past and it is vital, therefore. 10 have a referendum not only to choose a leader but on any laterim agreement put for-

ward. Dr Owen-I agree it is fundamental that there should be African consent and that was accepted by the Opposition when in government. This is a necessary ingredient for

stability.

I. like him, hope that Mr Smith really does mean two years for majority rule from the time he made that important statement, for which I pay tribute to Dr Kissinger

A little inconsistency from time to time

the price of championing human rights

part. This is a recipe for inexcus-able delay and would be unaccep-table to world opinion and both sides of the House.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affuirs (Knutsford C)—His continued and repeated references to Rhodeslans outside Rhodesia seem to put into question adherence to the fifth principle which was that a settlement could only be achieved with the consent and agreement of the people of and agreement of the people of Rhodesia as a whole. Surely this is the essential background on which to base a solution? In these circumstances, does he

In these circumstances, does he not think that the suggestions, that we should be sensible enough to realize that whatever Mr Smith thinks, we should have a presence in Rhodesia able to guide us on how to consult with majority opinion as a whole, is essential? Does he not think that would be the most welcome outcome of his visit to Africa? I wish to have discussions with Mr Smith in Cape Town and I bope he will think hard before be rules out the possibility of majority rule in two years, ie. majority rule in two years, ie. majority rule in

strongly my view. I was drawing attention to some of the Rhodesian outside but we must never forget the vast bulk of the population to be consulted are still inside Rhodesia but we the arm of the population to be consulted are still inside Rhodesia both white and black Rhodesia, both white and black. In any possible solution we should have a situation where white Rhodesians would be happy and content to stay and contribute to Rhodesia's peace and stability. There are arguments for a British presence. I have an open mind on this and I have not closed the door to such a presence. There is no doubt we are not as fully in-formed as we would wish on Rho-desia and some way of achieving this would be of benefit. But this would be of benefit. But clearly this cannot involve formal recognition of a regime that is illegal and in rebellion against the Crown. If some form of compromise could be reached I would consider that.

When Mr Michael Brotherton (Louth, C) asked if the Foreign Secretary would visit Rhodesia, Dr Owen replied: I for my part stand Owen replied: I for my part stand ready at any time to go anywhere and talk to anyone if I judge that it will make a genuine contribution for a peaceful settlement. I have no plans for visiting Rhodesia but if the situation appeared to warrant it I would, of course, be prepared to go.

Mr Brotherton—Would not now be a suitable time to go and would be not gain a great deal more from Rhodesians, both black and white there, rather than meeting President Podgorny's friends, particu-larly those barbouring and com-foring murdering guerrillas? Dr Owen—I am seeing all forms of opinion, I am seeing all forms of opinion, I am seeing all forms of Cape Town I do not now judge it right to go to Rhodesia but I do not exclude that possibility. A lot will depend on the reception and circumstances and what is said in South Africa.

South Africa.

All I hope is that Mr Smith will not keep to the line he appeared to be pursuing in his statement yes. Mr Richard Luce (Shoreham, C)—
Whatever we may feel about Mr
Smith's record he has over the last
few weeks introduced measures to
ease racial tension in spite of
strong European opposition there
and when Dr Owen goes to South
Africa will be acknowledge this
and give some encouragement to

and give some encouragement to Dr Owen-I welcome any step in the right direction but I must say in all honesty, the difficulty some people in Rhodesia seem to have over the Land Apportionment Act is but a guat compared with what they are going to have to accept under majority rule. The resistance and difficulty some found over this does not augur well for a commitment to week in their pay packers, equiva-lent, as Mr Healey used to say to Lord Barber some years ago, to a gross pay increase of 55,388 a year. majority rule in the timescale we are discussing.

# Farm package did not offer sufficient advantages to UK

The final package on EEC agricul-tural support prices for the next 12 months did not offer sufficient advantages for the United Kingadvantages for the United Kingdom and therefore was rejected,
Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said.
He was reporting on the five-day
meeting of agriculture ministers in
Brussels which ended vesterday
morning. The Parliament Secretary
[Mr Gavin Strang] represented the
United Kingdom. Mr Slikin said: The Council did not reach agreement on Community agricultural support prices for 1977-78 and discussion will be

1977-78 and discussion will be resumed at the next meeting in Luxembourg on April 25 and 26. The consequence is that the EEC common support prices and the United Kingdom's guaranteed price for milk and the target price for beef under the beef premium scheme remain unchanged for the present. At the request of France, Ireland and Italy, the Council accepted thanges in the green currencies of

iose countries. Eight member states would have

Eight member states would have been able to agree on a final package of changes from the Commission's original proposals, including slightly bigger price increases. In a long and hard session Mr Strang maintained that we would only be prepared to accept the changes in common prices and a small devaluation of the green pound if there were adequate compensating action of food prices in the United Kingdom. In this connexion the United Kingdom put forward proposals for a butter subsidy which would have achieved this and also helped to dispose of part of the Community's expensive butter sur-Community's expensive butter surplus.
Unfortunately the final package did not offer sufficient advantages to the United Kingdom and we

were therefore not prepared to accept it.

Mr John Peyton, Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Yeovil. C)—What would the minister be prepared to accept? It is hard for us to see who has gained anything

from this rather prolonged and obviously bitter argument? On the proposed butter subsidy, On the proposed butter subsidy, what is the cash amount separating what he has been offered by the Council of Ministers and what he has been asking for on behalf of the Government.

His statement will be particularly distressing to producers of pigmeat whose problems seem to remain in the air despite the almost calamitous reverses they have suffered over recent months.

Beef producers will now face some fairly serious consequences as a result of the further devaluation of the Irish green pound. While he may have a difficult task in these negotiations, producers feel he has consistently let them down. (Conservaive cheers and Labour cries of "Rubbish".)

Mr Silkin—It is a bit difficult to

Mr Silkin—It is a bit difficult to say exactly what one would accept as a package when it contains something like 40 different regulations. The package had to be accepted in its entirety. Once you start disentangling that peckage and say I will accept this and that.

start disentanging that pressage and say I will accept this and that, you get into a position where nobody accepts anything.

The package as a whole was unacceptable for the simple reason that what was being offered to the United Kingdom which alone among the Nine had an interest in preserving prices at the lowest reasonable level both for producers and consumers, was totally out of all proportion to the price that would have been paid.

The final offer on butter amounted to a subsidy averaging out over the year of 7p per pound in the United Kingdom for a price that was at least 50 per cent higher than that. I did not regard that as a very good deal from the point of view of the United Kingdom.

(Labour cheers.)

(Labour cheers.)
I understand the difficulties of producers. Had agreement been reached in Brussels on this price package yesterday it would have been the quickest agreement ever to be reached at Council meedings. The Commission brought in their

The Opposition welcomed that process of re-education of the Labour Party as far as it went. The

benefits to charities, overseas earn-ings, investment income surcharge and the modest movement in tax

The principle of indirect taxa-tion was welcomed but the heavy burdening of the motorist could not be endorsed. The 10 per cent rate of VAI should never have been shandoned in the first place.

The registry was that the Charvel.

The reality was that the Chancel-lor's room for manoeuvre had been, and still was, gravely limited by the total volume of spending to

which the Governmen; remained committed.

thresholds were all welcome. But Mr Healey had hardly begun to repair the damage he had wrought since he went to the proposals about two or three months later than normal and they had to go to the European Assembly for their view only a day before the five-day marathon we were engaged in took place. It would always have been difficult I completed. They seidom are nor without hope one might have been able to come to an alreement, but one was not.

At least we were able to end one A: least we were able to end one fairy story which I hope will never come again in this House and that

was that all we had to do was to offer detailation of the green pound and the pigment MCAs would be recalculated. The Danes made clear that whatever we did to the green pound they reserved the the green pound they regarded the recalculating of pigment MCs as intolerable.

Peyton—Would he answer the question about the cash amount separating what was offered on the butter subsidy and what he has asked for? Am I right in thinking it amounts to about a quarter of a penny? This is a small amount compared with the effect of some of the proposals the Chancellor of the Exchequer made yesterday covering fuel of and petrol. Mr Silkin—One would have had to look at the whole package. While one might be willing to accept one part one would not be able to accept another. The cash differences remained considerable at the end of the day and rightly remained so.

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—He will both deserve and receive the overwhelming support of the British public—(Labour cheers)—if he continues to resist uncompromisingly the crazy policies of this ridiculous organization. (Cheers Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan,

L)—The price of butter has gone up 55 per cent in the last 12 months and this cannot go on. What plans has he for the beef producers who are to lose 530 if they sell their cattle in the month of April?

Mr Norman Buchan (West Renfrewshire, Lab) Mr Silkin should accept the congratulations of most people in the House and country who regard his conduct and that of his colleague as a marked countast to the supline nature of the negotiations in 1970 and 1972 and for that matter the renegotiations in 1974. matter the renegotiations in 1974. (Labour cheers.) Behind that hies the whole question of the end price obsession of the Common Market

Mr Silkin-This question of the and statem—this guestion of the end price, is why we have a butter mountain of 200,000 townes and why unless steps are taken now it will grow and grow until nobody know what on earth to do with it. and we see the end of this policy. Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C)-

This delay in coming to an agree-ment is a serious matter in terms of confidence for the production of of confidence for the production of food and to halt the drop me production. Mr Slicin has sacrificed home production and the British farmer for the consumer. When one bears in mind that what is needed is less than 1 per cent increase in the cost of food in the long term what he has done is a serious matter.

Mr Silkin—His figures are wrong, The figure is 3p in the pound. To those who are paying bills and on lower incomes that is a great deal. Any delay for British producers is difficult for them, but I balieve they, like the rest of the Community, would prefer a fair package rather than a bad one. I want to say this to Conserva-tive MPs. We have been told that willy nilly we should have accepted the Commission's first package, Had we done so that would have created an unberaided rise in prices. Had we done so we would

bir Silkin—I have never disguised my view of the CAP. Over the last five day: and nights my aim was to stop an oppressive price rise, which Conservative MPs support, from taking place at the expense of the British housewife.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (North Angus and Mearns, C)—What mes-Angus and mearns, C)—what measage has he for pig producers who are currently producing every pig at a financial loss and for beef producers who will have to face an additional export subsidy from ire land?

Mr Silkin-One of the things that must be done is a communate of the variable beef premium. On that I remained firm. The pigment subsidy I announced recently remains Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab)—He should point out nut only to the consumer but producer that unless he gets radical revalua-tion particularly of the dally aspects of the CAP we shall be in a worse situation in 12 months man we are at the moment, and it is the farming community that will pay for it.

Mr Silkin—She is right. If the prices of farmers' commodities go up their consumption goes down. This is proven again and again. It is the farmers who lose. Mr. Peter Temple-Morris (Leominater, C)—Immense damage is being done to our credibility in Europe by the Government and their supporters constantly dragging their feet on European matters.

hir Silkin—I prefer our present position to total invisibility in Europe. Mr Mills later unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate.

# Wage rises must be limited to less than 10 per cent: Chancellor urged to consult nation

Sir Geoffrey Howe, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (East Surrey, C). said, when the debate on the Budget was resumed, that in one respect the Chancellor had been constant to himself, in his three years as Chancellor, because he had demonstrated from beginning to end his infinite capacity to spatch the appearance of victory out of the jaws of defeat.

It was difficult to see how matters could have been worse without the Chancellor. Under him prices had gone up by 70 per cent, take-home pay down by 9 per cent, industrial production down by 2 per cent, public expenditure up 100 per cent and income mx up 140 per cent. Bankrupties and liquidations had more than doubled and in the last quarter of last year were a record at 1,876. Unemployment had gone up by more than 750,000. The Opposition welcomed the fact that although in 1974 he had embarked on a massive increase in public expenditure, in the past year he had been trying to do the opposite. He had put the standard rate of income tax up from 30 to 35 per cent but now planned to

reduce it. I congratulate Mr Healey (he went on) on an unprecedented abandonment of almost every policy on which he and his perty arrived in office. Tribune Group share our delight with that of the managing director of British Leyland and the chairman of the National Enterprise Board who will each be receiving as a result of this £17.61 ever a work in their nay nathers equiva-

The responsibility for the destruction of the Chancellor's counter-inflation policy rested fairly and squarely on his own shoulders. There were few MPs who believed the Government could, or should, maintain a long-term detailed regulation of pay bargaining. Short of the gravest emergency no acceptable or even effective machinery was likely to succeed. Almost Certainly it would out up by destroying itself.

They had to get through a period of transition to a world which was free from direct Government into ference in pay bargaining. That period of transition had to be one of greater flexibility to allow room for the compressed spring of differentials to recoil. Yet at the same time they had to recognize the need for restraint tor without restraint in pay bargaining the alternative must be higher un-

In these circumstances it was the In these circumstances it was the duty of Government, and one which the Chancellor had neglected, first, to see that the money supply was firmly controlled, secondly, to see that the Government's own deficit was controlled; thirdly, to see that the case limits for their expenditure were controlled; and fourthly, that the sum available within those cash limits for public sector pay was equally tor public sector pay was equally tirmly controlled.

There must be no room for doubt in the public sector, as in the private sector, about the inescapable conflict between higher capable conflict between higher pay and fewer jobs.

A pay agreement would be more likely to work and to be accepted without severe social consequences of the inescapable consequences of the policy were clearly understood. Probably the most important consequence was that the total sum assultable to finance higher money pay without bisher unemployment.

pay without higher unemployment was, would be, and must be, surjetly limited in present circum-stances to a single figure. Mr Healey must seek that understanding from the nation and no one in the Conservative Opposition would do anything to dis-turb the success in schieving that understanding in consultation with the nation. This must be Mr Healey's objective whether or not he got a deal of the familiar semi-private kind of the last year

or two.

The Government, and only they could, must and would control inflation. Trade union leaders and members able had to referrn their responsibility for limiting the level ards connected with the Liberal Party. If he tried to repeat pre-cisely the formula of last year he would have to work hard to per-

suade the leader of the Liberals (Mr Steel) about the legitimacy of the process be was engaged in. On April 7 last year, Mr Steel was reported as saying that Mr Healey's conditional tax retief was a constitutional commence and this constitutional outrage and this represented the smack of weak

It was not easy to see whether the Liberal Party and both wings of the Labour Party could ever come to make common cause regether. They were all big spend-ers. As the balance of payments improved, domestic credit expan sion control became less offective and unemployment remained authoraly high, the temptation mail these three groups to expand government spending would become dangerously attractive and

The Liberals were fond of saying that they had a clear alternative to Conservatism and Socialism. Last Conservatism and Socialism. Last week the House had the privilege of discovering exactly what that alternative was—escapism. (Conservative laughter.) The country could not afford to give the Liberal Party any opportunity to join the Government in trying to escape down a high spending road.

I have (he said) a great deal more confidence in the effective-ness of the IMF in its capacity as the parole board for the Chancel-lor than I have in Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwell, L) in his (NOTE COTHWAIL, L.) III and capacity as a trainee probation officer.
(Loud Conservative laughter.)
It will be the purpose of the party for which I speak (be continued) before the Chancellor in sat at dangerous liberty by the IMF, to ensure that he does not

#### **Negotiations** continue in hospital dispute

Mr Roland Meyle, Minister of State for Realth and Social Secur-ity (Lewisham, East, Lab), in a statement on the Surrey hospinal dispute outlined steps taken to in-

dispute outside yield taken to initiate talks.

Replying to a private notice question by Sir Feder Rawlinson (Epsom and Ewell, C), he said that it would not be helpful to comment the said and the said that the sa further while negotiations con-tinued. He deplored the savage personal attack which he said hid been

attack which he said had been made yesterday by a certain new-paper on the General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Mr lack lones. Mr Jones has a fine record the said of campaigning to the cause of the elderly and in relation to this dispute has done nothing to confile; with that record.

Officials of the prion have taken Officials of the union have taken steps to ensure that picketing is kept within the proper bounds and that essential supplies are allowed

Sir Peter Rawlinson—How abhor-rent it is to the public, including many members of other trade unions working in those hospitals, that a mere duty roster dispute should lead to some of the most unfortunate people in our society, the elderly and young mentally deficient suffering

deficient, suffering.

Can the minister confirm that there have been, as suspected by many people, serious breaches of the law. What does he mean when he says that somebody will ensure that there he people including that there is peaceful picketing. Should not all picketing be peaceful, and is it not true that we should not tolerate picketing which is not peaceful?

Mir Moyle-We should concentrate on the fact that the parties are meeting to resolve the dispute and not make the alturation worse by raking up what might bare happened in previous parts of the dispute. It is essential to ensure that picketing is prevent and that that picketing is peaceful and that has been achieved.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—It takes two to create a dispute and two to strike a reason-able bargain. This clamour has been raised by the Conservatives and the media who have been cam-paigning for massive public expenditure cuts resulting in the rundown of mental health hospitals. and no possibility of building others. They should be the last to make the clamour.

Mr Moyle-I agree that it slways takes more than one to make a dispute but negotiations and discussions are proceeding. We should leave the parties to get on with tham.

Mr Carol Mather (Esher, C)-The strike was subsequently declared official. Does Mr Moyle condems such action? Do normal procedures for appeal against dismissal exist? Is there a subsequent appeal to industrial tribunals? If so, why has the procedure been bypassed? Mr Moyle-Appeal on grounds of

outside the Whitey Council or other machinery for the resolution of disputes is the last resort. We should make every attempt to see that disputes are sortled within the organization in which they occur in the first place. te first place.
The important thing is that the parties are meeting round the

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C)—Many of my constituents with retaires in the hospital are grateful to the press, particularly the Daily Mail, for drawing Mr Jack-Jones's attention to the crimes against humanity committed in the name of his union and are grateful that there is a free press prepared to champion the cause of patients being used as payms in a routing being used as pawns in a routing ladustrial dispute. Mr Moyle-In respect of one

particular newspaper report yester-day, I have no hestration in saying that it did not help the resolution of the dispute. The leadership of Mr Jack Jones in solving the dis-pute has been nothing but helpful. pute has been nothing but helpful. Dr Gerard Vaughan, an Opposition spokesman on the social services (Reading, South, C)—In the eves of many people, the intervention of the Secretary of State (Mr Emais) has been madequate and too late. It is appalling that a section of the community least able to defend itself should be exposed to behaviour of this kind.

Will the minister condemn. Clearly, simply and unequivocally, behaviour of this kind. (Labour protests and shouts of "What kind?") Is the structure of tude union negotiations adequate for union negotiations adequate

Mr Moyle-Trade unions and management are negotiating and that is the essential thing to rest upon. The Secretary of State's intervention was nicely timed.

#### Third pay round will not be easy but essential Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to per cent first year capital allow-

Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Roymo, Lab), said to have increased VAT to 10 per cent as suggested would have put 50 per cent more on the retail price index than did the increase in excise duties in the Budget. While the duties were unpopular with many, he hoped that Sir G. Howe and others were not under the impression that an increase in VAT would be popular with housewives, given that the increase would be across the hoard.

The Secretary of State for Social The Secretary of State for Social Services would in due course be services would in one course be announcing an uprating in pensions which met the Gorerament's commitment to uprate no later than November in line with prices or earnings, whichever was the greater. Other benefits would be uprated at the same time, in line with their commitment. uprated at the same time, in line with their commitment.

This Budget would be seen as an important turning point in the progress towards achieving the objectives of full employment, steady economic growth and inflation no higher than that of Britain's competitors.

These objectives were dependent on improvement in their industrial

stable financial background than had been seen for many years, internally the public sector borrowing requirement was within the totals quoted in the letter of intent and there should be no difficulty financing it. On the external side, Britain's balance of payments should be improving in the second half of the year and be in surplus thereafter.

he stable within the previously set limits. The associated growth of limits. The associated growth of the money supply was expected to be within the same range of 9 to 13 per tent as had been set for this financial year. All that, plus the better balance achieved by the reduction in public expenditure, would ensure that the necessary financial resources would be available and, above all, the resources would be available at much lower rates for industry. The Covernment appreciate that in company taxation the Government and many others would ment had confirmed that the 100 the preferred no offsetting in-

ance would continue as would stock relief. Most expanding companies would virtually pay to cor-poration tax. That was what was most important for the economy. For small companies, the level of the lower rate of comporation tax had been increased to £40,000 with marginal relief going up to £60,000. Over 95 per cent of all companies were covered by those rates.

The Government had not been able to do as much as many would have liked in reducing the level of income tax, but those who condemned the Government for doing too little were often the same people who wanted to see a massive reduction in the public sector borrowing requirement. The greatest help they could pro-

kinds of incomes policies, the widening of differentials and the widening of differentials and the other forms of flexibility now needed would not make the achievement of the third round cast, but it was vital that they did achieve it.

that all too well. As the TUC economic review made clear they were not in favour of a free for all. If tiPs wanted moderation in pay claims they must understand the problems facing the trade union

embers. It was in that spirit that they It was in that spirit that they took careful note of the representations made in the TUC's economic review. They could not meet them in a number of important areas, but they had made income tax reductions, which they recognized a, being essential, and they had provided finance for selective employment measures and for some help to the construction industry through assistance to the liner city areas. inner city areas.

the crucial problem was bringing down the rate of inflation, but they lest they had to have a livile leeway to make larger cuts in direct taxa-tion. The indirect tax increases would have a minimal effect on inflation, about 1 per cent, and they had been chosen because they had the least possible effect or

employment.

Taking all we have done in the Budget (the said) including the reduction in the basic rate of income tax which we hope will be possible, I am confident that trade union leaders and, more important, their members will recognize how essential it is that we should be able to conclude a thard stage of pay policy. We should then he able to break out of the series of stopgo cycles we have been in since the war.

see the end of stagnation, of mov-ing to a new era of moderate but real wage increases, bringing about lower price increases, more jobs and a steady improvement of living

The Opposition alternative did

policy with the TUC.

The Opposition policies created such despair that they managed to bring rogether the TUC. the CBI, the City, the banking community, and Uncle Tom Cobbleigh and all. No wonder there was a collective sigh of relief last Wednesday night when they lost the vote.

There could be only one way forward and that was through the policy set out by the Chancelior in his Budget statement.

Clearly living standards were not automatically improved by large increases in net take home pay. Real living standards would only be improved by a real improvement in industrial performance.

The things he had described together with increasing flow of North Sea oil provided industry with the sort of background with which it could move forward as never before. It must now be for industry to grasp the opportunity that had been provided.

Alt John Pardoe (North Cornwall. Air John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L) said he thought it was a Budget of hope. But in the present state of the economy hope was about the only commodity they could hope

a worse Chancellor than Lord Barber.

Lucome tax was too high and it was out of the control of Parliament through the insidious working of inflation. But total taxanon was not too high. Britain was not heavily taxed by comparison with other nations, it just felt that way. Only Japan out of the 10 major industrialized nations had a lower proportion of national product going on taxes than Britain. Germany and France did not complain as much as Britain, but they paid a higher proportion in tax, although less of their total tax revenue was taken in the form of income trx.

The cut in income tax ought to be massive. Reduced income tax would be enormously beneficial in would be enormously beneficial in dealing with the poverty trap and giving a boost to small businesses. Mrs Barbara Castle (Blackburn, Lab) said one of the most serious

#### Proposals must be acceptable to Falkland islanders The Government would not bring Islands, including sovereignty, may Mr. Peter Tapsell, for the Opposi-

proposals before the Commons affecting the future of the Falkarrecting the future of the Falk-land Islands if these were not acceptable to the Falkland Islanders, Mr Edward Rowlands. Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Merthyr Tyofii, Lab), said.

Regiving to a number of questions on the subject, he said: We are considering whether negotations on the funns of the Faikland

Sir Nigel Fisher (Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton, C).—Can he assure us there will be no change in the sovereignny of the Falkland Islands without full consent of the islanders and that no pressure will be put on them by the Government for any such change against their wishes? reighter? Mr Rowlands—We have given full Mr Rowlands—No land can be assurances on this.

firm, so as to allay some annieties stemming from press reports, that stemming from press reports, that attemots of Argentine business interests to gain control of the land of the Falkland Islands would require the authority of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs which would be withheld?

port such a move. Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—What aspect of sovereighty as negotiable? Mr Rowlands—That is one of the major difficulties of reconciling the almost irreconcilable. Until we have had the discussions, I cannot forecast what the outcome of the

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The Government would systematically take human rights consideration into account and give high priority to them as part of the many factors that had to be considered when making foreign policy decisions, Dr. David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said. Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Carshalton, C) suggested, in view of Dr Owen's speech of March 3, in which he laid considerable stress on morality and reality, that he should publish his department's league table of human rights in

league table of hun different countries. Dr Owen—No. I do not intend to publish a list. This is one of the considerations we have to take into account when we decide to look systematically at human rights— whether the mere existence of such a list would cause problems in relations between the Government and other governments. The decision was taken to do tiris as the only way of being serious about human rights on the strict understanding that we would not

Lord Sandford (C), for the Oppo-tition, opening a debate on the problems at the hearts of cities, said symptoms of the malaise were many and included a sense of dec-line and decay and a feeling that the community had disintegrated.

Among the causes were dum clearance policies and new town

development policies which were, ironically, designed to help. Each had had serious and injurious due effects by causing the disintegration and the impoverishment of

communities.
The inner city could not be eliminated because, despite the rundown appearance of the houses and empty factories, the vandalism and aimlessness of the communities, there were physical and capital assets and human taleats which had been neglected. They have the programmed the heat

must be regenerated. The best course was to adopt an overall departmental approach. It must be

possible to devise a plan of com-

Lady Robson of Kiddington (L)

said capital should he given to

small cooperative enterprises to enable them to get off the ground.

Lady Phillips (Lab) said if inner

cities were to be made good places

in which to live and raise children the philosophy must be "Small is

chool, and enormous shopping area de-personalized the human

being and created problems.

The tower block, vast

orehensive management.

assets of inner cities

publish it. That remains my decision.

Some views were held publicly and some privately, he added in reply to a further question about apartheid.

My abhorrence of apartheid (he said) is public and I will say it wherever I am.

Mr Reginald Mauding (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C)—What action will the Foreign Secretary take about British subjects at present imprisoned in Angola for no crime known to international law? Dr Owen-It is important to try to get our relations with Angola on a better foring. This is something I would wish to see. A lot of representations have been made over this issue, so far unsuccessfully.

The overall thing is to improve our relations with Angola and then some consequences may flow from that. I understand Mr Maudling's concern, which I share. Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East

Lord Aspacown (C), in a matter speech, said he had been a deve-loper all his life. The solution to regeneration of inner urban areas was basically to introduce means of employment by building fac-tories and warehouses, for in-stance.

The Bishop of Birmingham said they should encourage and make much fuller use of existing volun-

tary social agencies and should try

to revive or generate a spirit of civic pride which would permit none of them to turn a blind eye on the black sputs defacing their cities or dispute where the available resources should first be applied.

Lady Gaitskell (Lab) said emphasis should be put on giving access to housing to low income earners. Lord Redcliffe-Mand (Ind) said

cial enterprise.

both in regard to bringing the proper pressures to boar outside and also in regard to work on the possible formulation of a charter of rights in the socio-economic context within the Community, fol-lowing the action taken by the common declaration of the three Dr Owen-A lot of work has been done on the common declaration and I am due to sign it formally in Brussels on April 5. I hope we will

look at human rights wherever they exist and not excluding the European Community.

The price of championing human rights is a little inconsistency from time to time. That means there are going to be occasions where there is a strong case for public denun-ciation when, for a variety of other reasons—economic, political and social—one does it privately. We ill not always be consistent.
No doubt Mr Bernard Levin will Hernfordshire, C)-Does his reference to everywhere include action

have a lot to say about these alleged inconsistencies. Protection of birds Neglected talents and Mr James Callaghan said in a written reply that in view of the Secretary of State for the Environ-

tection of Birds Acts are to be transferred to him.

Royal Assent Royal Assent was signified to the following Acts: Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions), International Finance, Trade and Ard. Nuclear Industry (Finance). Job Release. Representation of the Parelle. Release. Representation of the People. Town and Country Plan-ring (Scotland). General Rare (Public Utilides). Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quir), British Airways Board.

The Emu Wine Holdings and Substidiory Companies Bill and the Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill passed their remaining stages.

ment's responsibilities for the administration of legislation affect-

ing wild life and its conservation, tunctions exercised under the Pro-

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, form-erly Mr George Thomson an EEC Commissioner for regional policy, was introduced.

there should be a continuing royal commission on cities. Anything which could be done for the inner cities must be part of a wider policy for the city region and the entire couptry. The commission would first review present assumptions about the future form of the cities in the light of their average. Parliamentary notices cities in the light of past experi-ence and the mistakes by which communities had been uprooted. House of Commons House of Lords Lady Hornsby-Smith (C) said the only way to tackle the problem was by positive action to rehabilitate Today at 2.30: British Transport Docks
Bill. and City of London Various
Powers Bill. third reading. Marchant
Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill.
second reading. Debate on EEC conmittee report on Ragional Devalopment
Fund. the dwellings which could be res-tored and to bring in new commer-

these objectives were dependent on improvement in their industrial performance and that would depend on both sides of industry. All governments could do was to create the right conditions. This Budget and the measures that preceded it had created the right conditions. There was in prospect a more stable financial background than

thereafter.

Domestic credit expansion would

vide for industry at this sime would be to reach a satisfactory agreement on the third round of the pay policy. After not just two years but many years of different kinds of incomes policies, the

Seeking to remove all the anomalies and widen all the differentials too rapidly would cause a pay explosion that would destroy all their hopes of cutting the rate of price inflation and cutting the level of unemployment. Trade union leaders understood

We have a golden opportunity to

No real improvement would be schieved without an improvement in industrial performance. in industrial performance.

There was no better way of achieving that than by creating and maintaining the conditions he had described, namely a stable financial situation internally and externally, a stable tax structure for industry shat provided incentives for expansionist minded companies combined with improved personal incentives for employees, and an incomes policy which provided companies competing at home and abroad with a greater degree of ceruinty in relation to industrial tooks.

not bear contemplation in current circumstances. None of them were clear about the view of the Shadow Cabinet on a voluntary incomes policy with the TUC.

for.

He had not been consulted about the Budget, and be denied a sug-gestion in The Times that he and Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) had claimed they were involved in the claimed they were involved in the next pay round negotiations. It had been easy for the Conservative Party to make capital out of the past policies of Mr Healey. They relied on the short public memories of Conservative errors. None could say that Mr Healey was a worse Chancellor than Lord Barber.

Lab) said one of the most serious flaws in the Budget was the failure to use any of the £2,250m in tax cuts to help children or mothers. It was they who were feeling the pinch of inflation most and who had received the least attention of successive governments. It was there that the anger was accumulating. Mothers were at their wins end to know how to feed and clothe their children.

without the permission of the Falk-land Islands Government itself; the British Government would not sup-

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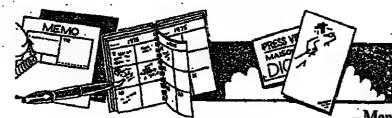
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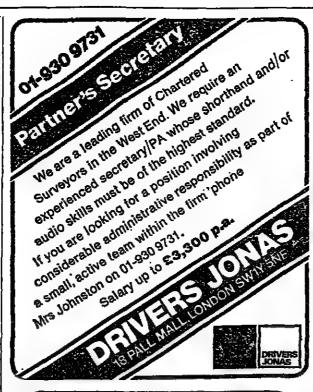
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# Pocket money today, but how will Labour handle tomorrow?

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The first on his feet after Mr Healey and Mrs Thatcher had sar down, Mr Lyon attacked the Budget as a "disastrous" departure from the policy of the past 10 to 15

"The policy has always been to provide for the stan-dard of living out of public expenditure, leaving the ordinary wage earner to provide, out of his wage packet, only for the less essential parts of his standard of living (my

As for all this bother about the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement, it would not be necessary to have a high level of borrowing if only public expenditure covered all the expenditure covered all the essential things, since it could then quite simply be paid for all out of income tax.

In short, said Mr Lyon, it seemed "monstrous" to get tax cuts that gave the average wage-earner no more than 52.00 a week at the cost of 52.000m of public expenditure which could have provided better education, health and social services.

It was a pity that Mr Lyon's message was delivered to an audience on the Labour side of no more than two backbenchers and two front benchers. For coming so soon after the very them an important discretion in different message of Mr Healey's the things that matter to them

speech, and couched in plainer —one of which, despite all else language than the hyperbole of that the state has taken away, the conventional left, it is homeowning. exposes the essential nature of the contradiction at the heart of the Labour Party's approach to policical reality.
What it boiled down to was a

plea for the genuine socialist state in which the individual worker is humoured by being given pocket money with which to pay for the things that do not so much matter, at any rate in the eyes of Mr Lyon, leav-ing that state to look after the

Quite how Mr Lyon would deal with food and clothes, which one would have thought come naturally into private come naturally into private spending, was not specified—though he did say, in itemizing all the things that the state supplies: "We now provide a considerable share of housing expenditure and, although on a declining basis, some of the average worker's food."

Apart from food part of the Apart from food, part of the housing bill, furniture and clothes, the rest of what a man

pays for himself, according to Mr Lyon "is either luxury or quasi-luxury. It is not part of the essential items in his stan-dard of living". Mr Lyon's is, indeed, one way

of running a state and it is as well to be reminded of it. Whether such a system can be reconciled with liberty and whether the average citizen and trade unionist would settle happily for the pocket money existence, except under state compulsion, I doubt. Why, after all, are so many

trade unionists campaigning to get their differentials back? Not, I think, because they regard their personal expenditure as a marginal thing concerned with matters of small importance, but because they think that their earning power does give

And, of course, the whole basis of Mr Healey's Budget was a recognition that the Was at recognition that the Labour instrincts expressed by Mr Lyon on Tuesday, and by the party generally when in opposition, cannot be reconciled with the necessity imposed on Labour in Government so long as it arrempts to run a free society. For listen to the words which Mr Healey himself used.

The effect of too high tax paying, and the imposition of direct taxation at too low a level as a consequence of inflation, has been, he said, "to weaken the incentive to work throughout the economy". There's Tory talk for you.

Then again, referring to the help the Budget gives to middle management, and regretting that he could not do more for those at the bottom and the have felt it necessary this year to concentrate relief where it most needed."

Yet it was, of course, the Labour Government which laid these burdens on middle management by direct taxation, and which, by the nature of its pay policy, eroded the differentials for skill which it is now, by popular demand so to speak, uying to restore. And on this subject, let us again listen to Mr Healey as he justified his method of lightening the tax burden by increasing personal

On his proposal to reduce the basic income tax rate from 35p to 33p, he said: "... this will be of special advantage to people on up to nearly twice overage earnings with the blg-gest proportionate benefit going to the highly skilled worker. Again, on the general effect of his tax reliefs, he observed that they "... would increase cash differentials and broadly main-

budget because the Chancellor of that year took a tax off (or perhaps put it on, I forget which) that commodity and did which) that combining and did make a headline. This year's could well be called the "dif-ferentials budget" for that is what it is all about.

Differentials, the victim of the late and levelling social contract, are now the heart of the Government's pay policy. The trouble is, of course, that The trouble is, of course, that it is easier to do than to undo damage and it is harder, for a poor man, to recognize the justice of restoring differentials to someone who is, in simple cash terms, better off, than it is to accept the original existence of such differentials.

Whatever a "satisfactory"

Whatever a "satisfactory" pay policy for Stage Three may be (and Mr Healey 300 pay pointy for Stage Infee may be (and Mr Healey has care-fully avoided revealing what he thinks will be necessary for him to implement his proposed 2p reduction in income tax) it will turn on how the unions themselves react to the two-way pull in their ranks for egalitarianism and differentials. On the face of it, it will not be very easy for a low-paid worker earning up to £2,500

a year to be very happy with his extra £1.50 a week when he sees the middle manager on £10,000 getting nearly £10,00 a week more, especially bear-ing in mind that the higher excise duties hit hardest at the lowest level. And this psychological difficulty for the Gov erument arises from years of socialist propaganda and the spreading of misconceptions about the essential nature and appeal of differentials and in-

The incentive nature of dif-ferentials is not just a sign of

rain percentage differentials for a mean-minded refusal to work people in the basic rate band". well for its own sake. Of course, It used to be the habit to working well for the sake of the nickname budgets. There was thing is part of any normal once one called the chicory man's nature, and it is the part budget because the Changeller which is always exploited in a mean-minded rerusal to work
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socialist argument. But the differential is not just a carrot, nor an invitation to live it up.
The differential is, first, society's recognition of the virtue of skill and effort, and few of us are so other-worldly as to

need no recognition from our fellows. The differential is, secondly, what is need to pre-vent a man from being harassed and distracted in the situation in which he finds himself, with the communents he has taken on by virtue of his work.

The middle manager may well work for the work's sake, but he will not work well if he is worried, cannot make ends meet and has to contemplate moving house or taking his children from school because his family books cannot be made to balance.

Nor will the toolroom worker. previously encouraged to ex-pect a given reward for his skill, which has encouraged him to take on certain commitments, work well when the carpet is pulled from under his feet. The cruelty of dispossession is at least as painful as the cruelty

Certain jobs require certain standards of living if they are to be done well. That is the e for what Mr Healey is trying to do now and against what he has done in the past. I do not think that is a case that the trade unions will find it altogether easy to accept.

The Budget has a good deal of equity in it. It marks a new peak in the Government's conversion to a non-socialist philosophy of rewards. The question is: what will happen to that philosophy when the Labour Party is again in Oppo-



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propagate the image of the modern peacetime staff officer. In reality the man who works in the Army's lower and middle executive is not a very glamorous creature. The new style of staff officer is the khald bureaucrat, a diminutive figure, whose approach is increasingly influenced by the computer and the proforms, and whose scope for initiative is reduced day by day through lack of funds.

In peacetime there is less need for him to take decisions quickly. Much of his work is done in committee where each project is researched in infinite detail and a decision reached only store the contraction.

only after momins—sometimes—years—of discussion and reconsideration.

Mistakes are expensive. They involve the production of equipment, or the management of valuable training time. They do not often occur but when they do the collective security. they do the collective security of the committee sends to ease the burden of responsibility.

Working in this environment the modern staff officer may

their mistakes.

If the modern staff officer is cautious there are also per-sonal pressures which discourage him from exercising too much initiative in face of afficial disapproval. The

Government provides his house, his children's education and his pension, all of which could be withdrawn if he were dismissed from the service. The abiguitous nature of his job and hostile tenancy laws discourage him from buying his own house. At the same time this constant movement obliges bim to educate his children at boarding school. After 12 or 15 years service he finds he has committed himself to a way of life, and if he wishes to leave it will not be easy to find a new job where he can use the technical and management experience he has

So unable to start a second career which will give him the same material reward and responsibility as before he becomes a hostage to his pro-fession. Who can blame him for being orthodox and cau-

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Are the wrong people running the Army today? A serving officer explains the dangers of a growing . boreaucracy.

most important hurdle for me regular officer. This year's intake will provide Britain's generals in 1990 and also many of those of the 42 other countries tions and orthodox type of officer becomes the norm.

Also a war is over the cri-When a war is over the cri-teria for personal success tends to change, sithough gradually and not by any deliberate act, to meet the demands of a peacetime cituation.

As these critera change so do the men who arrive in the do the men who arrive in the top management positions. Whereas war requires them to be robust, uncompromising men who can amorint their personality on the formations they command, the peace that follows calls for military leaders with more political and administrative qualities who are sometimes less compelling as personalities. as personalities.

There are examples of generals who having achieved sucerals who having achieved success in one environment were
unable to adapt themselves fast,
enough when the situation
changed. General Buller was
one. A superbly successfulstaff officer and formation
commander in pescetime (he
passed out top of his year at
staff college) he was unable to
cope with the new tactics and cope with the new tactics and problems of the Boer War.

Conversely there was General Wingate who as a junior officer in peacetime was found to be quite unsuitable even to attend staff college, but in war rose meteorically to com-mand the famous Chindit Divi-

In the past there has always been time for the military lea-Working in this environment the modern staff officer may dership in peacetime to hand dership in peacetime to hand over the crisis to the military of facts and an ability to common modernized war i managers promise are more useful qualities than the traditional ones like initiative and moral courage. He may also find that (in career terms at least) it is sometimes safer to put off a decision rather than risk one that could be wrong. Junior officers are not often afforded the luxury of learning from their mistakes. again snatched from defeat.

So it is with some disquiet that we now see the reemer-gence of the (by now familiar) peacetime profile in our mile tery executive.

Orthodoxy has become the watchword in the staff, caution is the battlecry in the field; the peacetime trend has reasserted itself, and has reasserted users, and simultaneously the average age of our staff and field commanders is creeping back to the level of Britain's prewar

But this time it will not do. A future crisis in Europe will be too short and in the end too overwhelmingly destructive to allow the wartime mavericks to rescue the situation. This time the arena is only booked for one round. As the memories of Hitler's

war fule so the nation becomes less resolved to pay the high price for its security. At election time the parliamentary hawks tend to find other causes to champion. The price of food, the standard of education, the National Health Service—these are real issues,

sea or the rape of our fishing waters by Soviet traveler fleers are less immediate and cer-

The voter does not wish to be reminded that his freedom, health and prosperity can only flourish if the nation is secure. Until our streets are filled wish broken glass and burning motor cars, or she fish run out, or once again the European borders are realigned, we shall as a nation be content to see lect our security.

Only the Foreign Office and the service chiefs are able to remain detached from this jamboree of escapism. Confronted each day with a constant flow of accurate inforconstant flow of accurate into-manion they must see clearly the dangers of the situation into which we are drifting. However, it is not enough just to perceive, they must also in-form, their mainsters, and florough them, the nation.

And if the ministers find it expedient to disregard or undeeplay this advice then there is no other constitutional chan-nel chrough which our profes-sional watch dogs can elect the

What are they to do? In personal career terms it is and depending on their interand depending on men inter-pretation of recent history risey may (or may not) draw strength from the fact that their predecessors also did very little when they were faced with similarly unpleasant dilemmas before the Crimean War, before the Boer War. War, before the Boer War, before the Great Wer and before Hitter's war.

So as the nation continues to luli stself into a state of bilssful unawareness, the unfast-ionable maverick who might have had the moral courage heve had the moral courage and energy to risk his career and drag the question of national security into the arens of public debate has been bred out of the system and replaced by the skilful bureaucrat, who may perceive the danger but is not so inclined to raise the alarm if are involves breaking the rules.

The nation needs chousing

listen to the bad news as well as ane good. It may not be possible to behave in this way as a politician, but some effort-can be made to reintroduce the maverick back into the military system.

The movement should begin

at the mecca of malitary doctrine, the staff college, which has the influence, if not the nas the influence, it not the inclination, to change the system. Service officers must be encouraged to play a larger part in public debate, as they are in Europe, In the British Army they are forbidden by thing but the party doctrine to

the press.).
Young officers should be allowed to make mistakes and learn from the experience without penalizing their careers. They must be re-warded for boldness and originality (even though at does con-flict at times with the official

doctrine).

There seems little merit in keeping a watchdog that is so fightly muzzled and dispirited to the control of the con that it can neither raise the alarm nor seize the intruder.

# The old man who waits for the Messiah to arrive in India's Jewtown

town of Cochin has the highest

cheri on the map but known generally as Jewtown. Today ali that is left of Jewtown is one short lane made up of a few that is left of Jewtown is one short lane made up of a few first thought, the adoption of shops catering to tourists and a Moslem practice. Its purpose series of comparatively clean and well-maintained terrace houses. These were all Jewish dependent in 1947 and the Jewish population was about 2,500. Most of the remaining 65 Cochin Jews still live there but the street is no longer ex-

Sitting in the cool of the evening outside one of the houses, a group of middle-aged people looked startlingly pale after the mukitude of dark skins that had surrounded me on my journey. Above their heads on the wall of the house was a small sign: "J. Cohen— Attorney".

These were the first Jews I met in Cochin and one of them courteously accompanied me to the end of the lane where the Sabbath eve service was to take place in the Syagogue which had celebrated its 400th anni-Jewish building in the Far East.

Jews are either Ashkenasi or Sephardi. The ancestors of the lands while the Sepharitim originated in the Iberia peninsula. Both groups are orthodox dren. Any ladies present were but they differ in their pro- out of sight in an aniexe nunciation of Hebrew and, to behind the upper bima. The some extent, in their liturgies, men were crumpled tropical

The locals claim that the old but most of all in their rich concentration of population in India. Whether or nor that is corroborated by statistics, walk through the swarming dusty, humid agglomeration of nurrow streets supports it.

My destination was the district in Cochin merked Mattancheri on the map but known generally as Jewtown. Today all that is left of Jewtown is one traditions and customs.

was to protect the exquisite blue willow-pattern Cantonese tiles with which the Syriagogue for those covered by rugs, the tiles have lost their glaze but the delicacy of their design-and each tile is differentmake them a graceful addition to the exotic appearance of this sixteenth century creature.

The floor space of the sanctuary is on the whole unclustered.

Cane-backed

benches line the walls while the centre is occupied by an ornate brass bims—a combination of pulpit and reading desk from which the service is conducted. A unique feature of this Syna-gogue is a second bima, for use on great occasions, erected on a gallery above the chtrance and supported by brees columns.

Facing the door, a carved ancient hand written scrolls of the Hebrew Pentateuch, From the roof descend a variety of crystal chandeliers and multicoloured glass bowls which once housed out lamps.

The service was assended by 12 males and five or six chil-

trousers and were all of that distinctive pallor which had impressed itself on me when I

entered Jewtown.
They either set on the benches or squatted on the broad ledges of the windows with the easy familiarity with which they no doubt lounged in their bomes. The service was brief, traditional and read in Hebrew in the characteristic-ally nasal Sephardi inconation. After the service, I held the three sheets of inscribed copper which constitute the charter of the Jewish communication of the Jewish communication of the Levish Communic The tradition holds that they date from the year 379AD but some scholars believe them to be tenth century.

They record the glft from the "King of Kings", Ris Majesty the King Sri Parkaran Iravi Vanmar, of the village of Anjuvannam to one Joseph Rabban together with "tolls on beat together with "tolls on the state of th boats and carts . . the lamp of the day, a cloth spread in front to walk on, a palanquin, a parasol, a drum, trumpet ... and so forth ... All these glories are to be sujoyed by Joseph Rabban and his descendants for so long as the world and moon

The principality of Anjuvan-nam was sacked by the Moors early in the sixteenth century and the Jews fled to nearby Cochin, then under Portuguese rule. They were cordially re-ceived and there, in 1567, they built Jewtown and in the following year completed their Synagogue now more a monument than a living religious centre. .Its quater-centenary was celebrated with much ceremony in 1968. The Prime Minister attenAmerica participated in a learned symposium and the Indian Government issued a commemorative stamp—a rare if not unique portrayal of a Synagogue interior on a postage

The moving spirit in this event, and indeed in preserving Jewish life in this remote corner of the world, is Mr S. S. Koder who was born in Cochin in 1910 and whose family came there two centuries ago from Baghdad.

Almost all tite Jews had left, he told me, not because there was any pressure on them to go, but because they were devoutly religious and felr drawn to settle in the Hoty Land when the state of Israel came into

Only one religious Jew re-mained and Mr Koder pointed him out to me, an old, bearded, dark-skinned and gaunt figure sitting cross-legged spart from the others at the western end of the Synagogue. This man beliered that the Messiah would come from India and he waits there for his arrival. There is no discrimination

against Jews either in Cochin or eisewhere in India and, in fact, they have been given some privileges. One of them is the official recognition of Jewish festivals and Jews employed by the government are not obliged to work on those days.

The real problem for this

small group is survival and, paradoxically, it is the powerful instinct of self-preservation of the Jewish people that has con-tributed to the decline of Cochin Jewry.

Because there are so few village. Jewish spouses to choose from, young Jews of marriageable age

to push up sale prices, with a good foal now fetching up to £2,500. Last year 31 shires were

depreciate. For £400 you get a

was inevitably being referred

Keep mum

marry out of their faith.

Some do find partners in Bombay (which has the larger Jewish community remaining in India) as did Mr Koder himself. There have been no marriages in the Cochin Synagogue for the past five years. One was coming up but the Cochin husband was going to live in Bombay which was the home of his future wife. future wife.

Because it is so small this is a thoroughly acculturated community whose members mix freely and intimately with Muslims, Hindus and Christians. submerging their Jewish iden-tity. Since they have no religious teachers, the parents per-form this function and, in the process, educate themselves.

They all observe the Jewish dietary laws in their homes yet tend to be lax outside. They have no rabbi but services are regularly held and are conducted by the congregants. Possibly because of this personal commitment and because sonal commitment—and because this is the general pattern still in India—the few youngsters in the community follow the religlous traditions of their parents.

The community was enormously gratified when Mrs Gandhi, the then Prime Minister, visited the Synagogue on its four-hundredth anniversary. She concluded her speech with the Hebrew greeting Mazal tov (good luck) and later explained that she had learnt it from Fiddler on the Roof. And, indeed, as tenacious survivors, the Jews in Cochin, far away from Anatevica, have much in common with their co-religionists in Tevye's East European

William Frankel

#### ling will travel bere-rooted and wrapped in plastic. The old Liberty Tree, under which Robert Eden persuaded the colomists to allow Tory The Times Diary Putting the horse before the cart sympathizers to remain in Annapolis, is notoriously unfertile, pollinating very slowly. Sir John Eden rook a professional look at it last year: he was once a partner in a tree and shrub nursery business. The tree; related to the English lime and lindens, will find at Kew a better reception than it had in America: the White House head gardener refused a seedling last year as being unsuitable to the landscape. No nonsense is tolerated from skiers at St Moritz, where a notice announces that people summer a rather touching ceremony was beld in the grounds of Sr John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, to mark

who misuse tickets on the ski lift will be "subject to unconditional persecution".

#### Irrepressible

The dividing line between political repression and essential security measures is a subjecsecurity measures is a subjective one. Where you draw it depends on how far you think our presents the wishes of the majority, how well it serves their interests, and how seriously it is threatened by ruthless and subgraphs of the seriously it is threatened by ruthless and subgraphs of the seriously it. less and subversive elements. Two men and two women held a press conference in a Soho basement yesterday to propose that political repression was reaching an unacceptable level. As chairman they recruited Philip Agee, the former CIA man who faces deportation in circumstances

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which they see as proving their



These signs, indicating Sir Keith's early commitment to private enterprise, were photo-graphed in Leeds some years ago by Neil Jordan.

The four have just written a Penguin paperback, The Tech-nology of Political Control, which documents methods of surveillance, riot control and other techniques for maintaining the authority of the estab-For those of us who had not

establish "a generalized climare of fear". Then Jenathan Rosen

head speculated that this could also be the reason for over interference with mail and tele-phone tapping.

He brandished a wad of plain brown envelopes addressed and Shaffice which, he said, showed evidence of having been tampered with in the mail. And Carol Ackroyd, wearing a white boiler suit, said that a letter addressed to her at home had been delivered to been office. addressed to her at home had been delivered to her office.

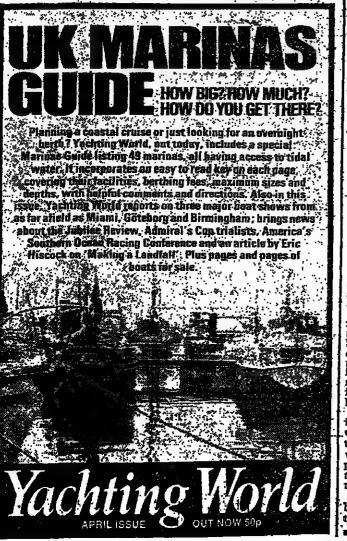
"A million to one chance", said the Post Office.

Another piece of evidence produced by Rosenfread was a rubber bullet of a type which, he said, had blinded a 10-year old boy when used in This month, five years after the incident the Army had noid the

incident, the Army had paid the victim £68,000 compensation.
Miss Margolis thought the authorities were preparing for the time when social conflict would replace the present poli-tical consensus. But "we can-not build a better society through the repression of those seeking to build a better one. Rosenhead admitted: - "We

Rosenhead admitted: "We have the normal paramota" But Agee concluded the conference with a generous tribuse to the country which is about to have him booted out. "There are not", he said, "many countries left where a book like this can be published these days. Better read it while you can." When it comes to graffiti the Irish can compete with the

For those of us who had not best. Spotted yesterday on the read the book, the four spent main Dublin Belfast, road: an hour giving a summary of "Will the last person leaving what is in it. Tim Shallice the country please switch oil spoke of torture being used to the politicians."



Tuesday's Budget announcement of further increases in the cost of petrol will do nothing but good to that alternative and so there has been a remarkable revival of interest in the heavy working horse, and yesterday National Shire Horse Show

Since the cost of running a come an economic proposition

far untaxed source of locomo-tion, the horse. In recent years Peterborough attracted 163 animals, the second largest

ded the commemoration,

has just put up its grant for a stallion at stud from £250 to £350. There is growing interest from America, which is beloing entry since before the war. Alan Hamilton reports: motor vehicle began to climb into the stratosphere, the working horse has begun to come secretary of the Shire Horse Society, told me that, whereas the population of shires was down to about 5,000 in the early 1960s, and in real danger of drive out there were now had just bought his second shire foal for £400, and he intended to let it take him on his rounds as soon as it had grown up. "You can spend £6,000 on a tractor, and all it does is of dying out, there were now at least 15,000, the great majority of them in England. "The horse," said Bird, with evident satisfaction, "has behorse with a working life of probably 20 years. Anyway, why rush about when you can take life a bit more slowly and still get the work done?

Numerous breweries have althat can be made by using horse drawn drays for local deliveries, not to mention their publicity value. Now the Society is receiving reports of coal merchants, dairies, and even furniture removers turning to horse lower for chart lower are There was sussic nostalgia, too, in Park Lane yesterday, where Anglia Television was unveiling a new simulation comedy series—ITV's belated answer to Dad's Army. The series is about the land girls in the Second World War, and horse power for short journeys.
Farmers, too, are reciscovering the value of the horse for certain jobs. Some have reported that, during the recent wet

weather, horses were able to as Mum's Army though its brought across the Ariantic by propose that would have defeated a make is Backs to the Land.

Despite the suggestive title, admissions and will be handed recruite former to a representation. Breeding shires has suddenly become an attractive proposition. The Horse Race Betting important functions that would have defeated a make is Backs to the Land.

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Levy Board has a premium an uneasy awareness that there scheme for shire stallions, and has just put up its grant for a services during the war which have not been adapted for television yet. We must, for instance, count ourselves sucky if we escape a series about the ATS called Officers' Ground-

#### 1 ender shoot On a sweltering day last

the surprisingly cordial departure in 1776 of the last British governor, Robert Eden. His great-great-great grandson, Sir John Eden, MP, went over sir John Eden, MP, went over for the ceremony, held under a 400-year-old ruhp poplar tree, known as the Liberty Tree (under which the early settlers were said to have signed a treaty with the Susquehanna Indians).

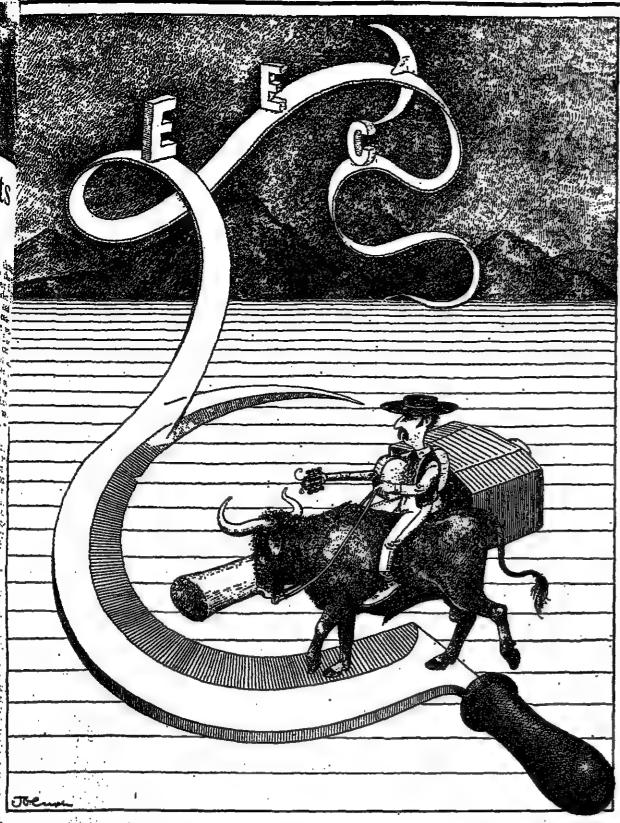
He wondered cloud, as he sought shelter from the Surgar

sought shelter from the fierce sun, whether such a tree would grow in England. His question has new born fruit.
Today a seedling is being brought across the Atlantic by the college's director of admissions and will be handed

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# Spain and the Community

a Special Report



# Fighting the flab for EEC

will make its request for full membership this year and could be fully inte-grated by 1980 or 1981.

"After the coming parlia-mentary elections", he said, "Spain will be in a post-tion to direct all its polit-ical, economic and psychological efforts towards integrawishes of both parties will be sufficient to surmount any obstacles".

Regarding the present standstill by which Britain is being eased into the Community, Senor Bas-sols remarked that Spain considers its present interim agreement with the EEC will have to be renegotiated

vestment (which has languished badly), improvement post-election government will of the level of productivity have to present economic and straightening out the policies.

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The straightening of the productivity have to present economic policies. If the predictions of the Finance Minister, Señor

The seriousness of Spain's Eduardo sconomic plight is shown by the level of reserves at the Bank of Spain. Between August, 1975, and August, 1976, Spain's reserves dwin increase died by nearly 13 per cent dled by nearly 13 per cent to \$5,650m

by Harry Debelius

Britain must raise Community fariff barriers ture in the Community of Spanish exports.

Spain will not accept any offer of a transitional period before achieving full membership of the European Economic Community.

But whatever the ambassador to the Community.

But whatever the ambassador says, it will take much internal adjustment in regard to matter how fast me Frime finites. Spain ready and, most spain is saidly stated by the said of th

pared than some of the present Community members, and a transition period —such as that proposed for Greece—would be out of the question.

In Madrid his words sounded ambitious, to say the least. To make the right Community suit fit Spain, the country will have to present and social changes will have to be made.

The important political adjustments necessary are adjustments neces porters, must be eliminated.

Spain must also recon-Finance Minister, Senor bureaux, agencies and other relications to see the rights forced from the product will grow by more than 3 per cent in real private investors at the top, or the huge state-run industrial will grow by nearly 7 per cent and imports will go up by only 3 per cent.

The six medium-term objectives listed by the minister are obviously milestones on the road leading to integration into the Community, would presume the configuration into the configuration of the community would presume the community would presume the configuration of the community and maintaining essential industries into which they are already tasting consecrated in law. And the could take some time.

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Spenish struct certain administrative have to wait until after the bureaux, agencies and other elections to see the rights

of the percentage of the population employed in agriculture, suggest that the difficulties are as much structural as they are results of the universal recession brought on by the all crisis.

The six medium-term function, that and maintaining essential and maintaining essential into which private capital alone does not by have to apply to Gibral-tural as they are results of the universal recession moderation of inflation; into the provement in the balance of provement in the balance of the Rock. Undoubtedly Britain would like to be assured of this because it is so fundamental before casting its vote.

# Suitor still has to pass tests

by Michael Hornsby

ential membership of the BEC looms largest on the horizon, Spain is by far the most disportant in terms of and agricultural

Malta.

Which would bring EEC a new situation.

In 1967, the Six opened tariffs down closer to the negotiations instead on a British level.

Negotiations on this preferential trade agreement quickly shall be progressive elimination ever, with the result that of trade barriers but not the standstill had to be of association. Given the This lack of progress were limited arrangement.

A simple extension of the exports but continued pro-

1970 agreement to embrace tection for its farmers. So far the EECs reaction trade unions is still in questive three new EEC where as the Spaniards are to developments in Spain tion. While some EEC governmenters who joined in anxious to achieve maximal has been ultra cautious, eruments might be prepared 1973 would have required mum agricultural exports This reflects not only the to overlook this—after all Britain to raise its low while still protecting their legacy of mistrust the German Communistratiffs on Spanish foodstuffs nascent industries.

Dequesthed by fascism and Party was banned for many

A simple extension of the exports but continued pro- sense,

to the higher Community
It is accepted, however,
level. This would have been that the standstill cannot be prolonged beyond July 1
Spanish political situation is might well to savers who send between a for industrial goods and the genuinely difficult to assess, half and three quarters of their wine, fruit and vegetable apports to Britain.

To would also have put up of the grandines for the expiry regime.

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Political arguments are not always easily dist-inguishable from economic The entry negotiations already opened with Greece and the internal discussions among the Nine about how best to respond to the membership application awaited from Portugal are deeply coloured by the knowledge that they are bound to be seen as setting precedents for Spain,

Madrid has long been a suitor at the EEC court, but as long as General Franco

The entry negotiation: table exports to Britain. The deadlines for the expiry regime.

It would also have put up of the transitional phase of British, Danish and Irish James Callaghan probably articulated a general view behind the ideological articulated a general view early last year when he importance countries like to be "well down the road to be "well down the

This meant that Spain ever advantageous.

This meant that Spain ever advantageous.

Moreover, democratization has gathered sufficient pace to find the same terms as in the successfully for associate status of the type first be superseded by a revised status of the type first be superseded by a revised for Turkey, Cyprus and more generous version of the 1970 agreement, near which was signed in 1967, the Six opened in meant which was signed in updated agreement quickly Spanish have talked of the superseded to the spanish have talked of the superseded to the spanish have talked of the superseded to the spanish immunication.

The REC is already the Free elections, freely competing political parties, free trade unions, freedom of the press and civilized to suggest that by the end of the press and civilized treatment of minorities would be fikely to be generally acceptable as political tredibility of a product of the Republic of Irelations with the EEC—the membership.

Spanish have talked of disease on the surface of 35 per cent of 35

On the other hand, the ducts and thus in direct legality of the Communist competition with the Ita-Party and non-government lians and French.

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#### by Pablo Sela Hoffmann

It is fashionable to refer to Spain's European aspirations in a democratic context, par-ticularly that of Spain's integration into the institutions of Western Europe.

Consequently, there needs engaged in coexisting or war-to be a second alignment, an ring with the Moor, whereas historical one stemming from the "Europeans" had historical one stemming from the

that Spain is indeed in Europe and one of its salient peninsulas, like Italy, Greece their origins in three features of Europe's development or Scandinavia, although its their origins in three features of Europe's development and in regard to which quickly realizes, however, spain is, at least, a case that geography alone does not tell the full story because the United Kingdom is not part of the Continent, although its European and problems which Spain experise in the full story because the United Kingdom is not part of the Continent, although its European and problems which Spain experise for these features was feudalism, bringing to Europe's ascries of the European stage. He was the descendant of the waste of enlightenment, the wide avenue along which spain has pursued its his torically different course and in the order to a the one hand to the culture, from Luther to wide avenue along which is positive features with all his positive features which shaped a way of life, a way of life, a way of thinking, working and in the world. This starped although now at a crisis masons, republicans, demo-

the realization that Spain, breathed easy since the too, was host to many of the Battle of Pointers when the invading peoples who make invaders were driven back to up the European ethno- the Spanish side of the tians, old or new, as opposed Spanish outcasts, to reinted the government-run Public cultural heritage, and in par- Pyrenees.

European commitment is clear

creating although

entire century.

ticular the Indo-European, Celtic, Germanic and Slav mation and the humanist peoples. On the other hand, phenomenon of the Renaishowever, we observe that sance which led, not without whereas Europe was Greece deep divisions and religious during the classical age (and Spain was marked by the Greek influence) and where under Philip II, the Spaniard as Europe was Rome during the age of the Empire (and Spain was, and still is, marked by the Roman influence), Europe today is some or the second was the Reformation of the Renaishous and traditional ideas and writings (burnt or unpublished in the past) and having adopted this clear about a list conservatives and aristocrats as opposed to having adopted this clear and aristocrats as opposed to having adopted this clear developed on the periphery as bottom and alternative and aristocrats as opposed to developed on the periphery deve

gh now at a crisis masons, republicans, demo-tunity to offer a worthwhile held good for an crass and even socialists. legacy to future generations

It will be necessary to

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of Western Europe.

One needs only to unfold a map of Europe to establish that Spain is indeed in Europe and one of its salient their origins in three features.

Spain was deemed by history there are no reversals, we ence). Europe today is some trial and bourgeois revolution of the nineteenth central and bourgeois revolution of the nineteenth central and of the losers of the Second which is physically European, being bound up with Europe's history, and which reversals.

#### Harry Debelius examines the implications of integration for business, the economy and political institutions

## Gloomy industrialists await doomsday

unclear because its largest share of the domestic mar-ket is bound to be chopped down by imports from Community countries, the future of Ford, for instance, looks bright. Oriented primarily from the beginning, Ford Espana expects to continue Espana expects to continue force many Spanish com-according to plan with little panies out of business, thus change at the time of inte-increasing the level of un-

a feir chance. Bur in industry some businessmen have serious misgrivings.

While those in petroleum refining are waiting to put their excess refining caped into the battle to hold their own home markets. The recessity to work, many of those in such industries as the manufacture of household appliances are frightened of domestic market by EEC manufacturers.

In other industries, there are mixed emotions. While the future of Spain's biggest.

In other industries, there are mixed emotions. While the future of Spain's biggest car manufacturers.

Enticing market

be sure that they have time business at more recover before being binned.

So much for the voices of doom. There are other doom. There are other doom. There are other spain doom. There are other agriculture, the degree of doom. There are other forms the battle to hold their own bome markets. The recession looks as though it will remain for some time, by the competition from the sibility of diversification of the competition for the competition from the sibility of diversification of the competition from the competition from the sibility of diversification of the competition for the voices of doom. There are other forms the degree of the competition from the spain, markets is greater."

One typical product which spain is exports of batteries go to the EEC. behind Switzerland burnated to the competition from the sibility of diversification of the competition from the sibility of diversification of the competition from the competit

for Europe's manufacturers

The gloom is so deep that some businessmen are convinced that integration will

steel producer in the world, ahead of such countries as Austria, Yuguslavia, Portugal, Greece and Algeria. I is already competing well in iron and steel in Europe; it is the seventh in the world list of cement producers,

A report prepared by the uperior Council of the

to go

# Still a long way

according to plan with little change at the time of integration.

In 1978, Ford expects to improve Spain's grade even more; foreign combalance by more than panies will "colonize spain, and the resulting point and lifth biggest customer Almussfes plant pear economic hardships will valencia will eventually be affect political stability. In Akhough the plant has been in operation for less than a year, the factory has already produced more than a year, the factory has already produced more than a facturers, as indeed it is already produced more than a facturers, as indeed it is non-member for a third of the crade before already produced more than a facturers, as indeed it is.

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\*\*Spain has come a long way, to those prevailing in other the make-up of the parliar fractions and lifth biggest customer. Among non-member countries in the Mediterrane and area, Spain heads discussed Spain's acceptability was easily the most outstant by universal suffrage in the list both as supplier and customer, being responsible to be made in the bureaucracy and institu
200,000 engines for the They claim that most of Fiesta, most of them for Europe's industry is better field.

Furthermore that Europe and Navigation of Spain shows that the EEC's seventh more along way, to those prevailing in other the make-up of the parliar fractions in the Mediterrane and in the list both as supplier and customers, being responsible to the same and point is the EEC's seventh more along way, to those prevailing in other the make-up of the parliar fractions and lifth biggest customers are long way, to those pr

According to a resumé of M Maurice Faure, chair those matters released by an of the political com- the Ministry of Information man of the political committee charged with assessing Spain's possibilities at the Ministry of Information according to population. It will shorten its lines of the foreign the Ministry of Information according to population. It will shorten its lines of the foreign the Ministry of Information according to population. It will shorten its lines of the foreign that the foreign that the supply and distribution Considering that the seem to be an ideal solution above artificially limited gairy furnioriented, their spiration from the principle free democratic elections, of the liberalization of that seems much clearer might have a favourable committee other things, the degree spewhen the conservative other things, the degree spewhen the conservative of the Government's apparent cifies that strikes by per-prime Minister, Señor would make the sale prices ural market, Europe, more great conditions. It also for the younger, more that the nation's oil bill Spain and the rest of schemes, put the Confirms the right of liberal and more aggressive by the Eurocommunist, strikers and significantly, it guarantee, the Spanish to be taken into account. The new relationship to keep much of Europe with a supply and distribution Considering that the supply and distribution consupply and distribution accounts the match as a possible in supply and distribution above approach to the considering that the supply and distribution considering that the supply and distribution considering that the supply and distribution above acrealing the supply and distribution considering that the supply and distribution consupply and distribution consupply

by the Eurocommunist, strikers and, significantly, it guarantee, Señor Senciago Carrillo, has makes it easier for neople employers to dismiss approved favour of legality before the Supreme. Court which, according to a royal decrees was supposed to decide the sensitive issue. In the mean-time, there seemed to be political activities of the mitted some grave fault.

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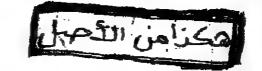
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# Spain and the E.E.C. need each other

"After all, Spain cannot remain alone forever". ancient trading partners, with a good working relationing ignored so far: the problem of whether the people or their ship that predates the formation of the European Comelected representatives should have the final say about That is how one young Spanish executive put it recently in Madrid, explaining in very human terms that Spain has more than just economic reasons for joining the European Economic Community.

"Spain is part of Europe, and we are seeking to align ourselves with Europe in many ways", the executive said; "we have many affinities, you know: we do business together, we are neighbours, we are all part of the Western European cultural complex."

He continued, in a reference to the gap still existing -but fast being closed-between the level of development in his country and the European average, "When we join, Spain may not be the best-dressed member of the club, but she will be the belle of the ball. The flirtation between Spain and the EEC has been going on a long time and we need each other."

He pointed out that, after reducing the question to simple economics for the sake of argument, Europe has as much reason for wanting Spain to join as Spain has for knocking at the door.

In 1975, nearly 35% of Spain's total imports came from the European Community. And if petroleum imports are excluded from the calculations, then the Community's share of goods imported by Spain goes up to 43%. That same year, nearly 45% of Spain's exports were shipped to Common Market countries. Nearly onefourth of Spain's trade deficit resulted from commerce with the EEC.

It is in the interest of the EEC to foment more trade with such a good partner.

Contrary to what some persons north of the Pyrenees might believe, most Spanish industrialists do not seem to be unduly alarmed by the prospect of European competition in general, and they are probably even less afraid of British industrial competition, notwithstanding Britain's vast experience and respectable position among the industrial powers of the world. Britain and Spain are munity.

For the most part, Spaniards seem to feel that they are about as ready to enter as they will ever be-in spite of the results of the oil crisis, inflation and what they hope will be only a temporary reduction in the competitiveness of Spanish exports.

The question of the competitive position of exports, after all, is sometimes impossible to control, since it does not depend entirely on domestic factors. Products are often cheap or expensive on the international market as a result of currency fluctuations, which arise from complex causes.

The plunge of the lira, for example, turned Italy into a difficult market for Spain and other countries to penetrate. The lira has slipped so far with relation to the peseta that Italian goods are more competitive. On the other hand, although the pound sterling has suffered a long slide, it has lately begun to recover against the peseta and certain other currencies.

As a matter of fact, paradoxically, the sector of the Spanish economy in which there is greatest concern about competition is agriculture—the same sector which so bothers members of the Community and which has inspired farmers in Britain and France to demand protective measures. It is true that some Spanish farm products, such as asparagus, for example, are quite competitive; but others, like sugar beet, are much less so.

Where Spain's agriculture can benefit is in the sale abroad of products which Spain can produce competitively and in quantity, and which other Community members export little or none of, such as citrus fruits. (While it is true that Italy is a citrus fruit producer, much of the Italian crop is consumed at home and—by comparison with Spain—relatively little is exported.)

There is one political problem which Spain may yet have to face, although the possibility has been almost membership.

It is a question which could easily come up in this historic period of transition in Spain, during which many citizens are closely scrutinizing the attributes of a government in a free state; for membership in the EEC, in the opinion of some political thinkers, actually implies a reduction in sovereignty, or at least a transfer of a part of the country's sovereignty to Brussels. Once a country has become a member, certain decisions affecting its national interests are made not by its own parliament, but by the

European parliament. Perhaps Mr Harold Wilson's decision to call a referendum on the Common Market was not merely an obligatory political manoeuvre resulting from his stand on the issue when his party was in the opposition.

So much for the long term. There is a much more immediate issue to be resolved between Spain and the Community: the details of the relationship which will be in effect as of next July 1 (or January 1 in the case of horticultural goods), when the "stand-still" declared at the time of Britain's entry runs out.

At present Spain's exports to Britain are important from the point of view of both countries, particularly her exports of farm products and processed foods. If British duties go up, as they must, on July 1-or on January 1 for horricultural goods-Spanish exports will be stalled and British housewives will have to pay more.

There is no need for such a situation, according to Spanish negotiators in Brussels. Spain has proposed that the 1970 agreement which she signed with the EEC be slightly revised in order to find an acceptable balance between trading partners. Spain's objections to continuing under the 1970 agreement without revision take into account the irrefutable fact that the agreement was negotiated with a European Community of six members and now there are nine. Spain feels that any concession she makes should be compensated by concessions made

by the three new members. What Spain is asking for, in the opinion of businessmen in Madrid, is little more than a symbolic concession.

Spain may find in Britain an advocate for her cause in the effort to reestablish that balance in the interim, while both Spain and the Market get ready for the big day a few years from now. The short term situation with regard to trade with Spain is not one to make British economists happy. The end of the stand-still will mean that duties on Spanish agricultural products shipped to Britain will be higher, whereas duties on industrial goods imported into Britain from Spain will be proportionately lower-in other words the current duty situation will be reversed, and that is bound to hurt both countries.

Spain rejects the idea of a simple across-the-board application of the 1970 agreement with no further adjustments, which the EEC negotiators would apparently like to impose on Spain. To do so would prejudice Spain's interests. While Spain is anxious to remain on good terms with the EEC, with an eye on future unity, she cannot afford to let down her guard and weaken—rather than improve—her chances of eventual entry in optimum economic conditions.

Current economic problems which affect not only Spain but the rest of the world as well have been dwelt upon by the opponents of integration within Spain. But the voices that have been raised are few, and the Spanish government does not seem to be paying attention to them. Ruin is hardly around the corner, considering the high level of development which Spain has reached. On the contrary, the country's leaders seem convinced that membership will be beneficial to both Spain and the community.

Naturally there will be some trauma. Integration simply cannot be accomplished painlessly. The shock is bound to be felt on both sides at first, but if the negotiators for both parties are realistic, the discomforts will be only momentary and the advantages will be lasting.

# Growth rate indicates vitality

The structural changes in the Spanish economy speak well of its vitality.

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Spain's annual rate of growth during some years rivalling that of Japan, averaged nearly 7% over the past 15 years—much higher than those of France, West Germany and the United States.

While Spain remains an important agricultural nation, the balance of exports is heavily in favour of industry. In 1975 only a little over 22% of Spain's exports were agricultural goods; of the remainder, 23% were consumer goods, over 21% investment goods and the remaining 34% were raw materials and semi-manufac-tured commodities. Only 10 years ago food amounted to 47% of Spain's export total.

The industrial development which Spain has undergone in the past two decades particularly has paralleled a growing interrelationship between the world economy and that of Spain, as shown by trade figures, both imports and exports. Other phenomena have accompanied this development. Spain has come out of her post World-War Two isolation. Sun-seekers by the tens of millions every year have made this one of the world's best known countries. Political evolution is taking place rapidly. Spain feels herself a part of Europe, and the feeling is probably

By 1973 Spain's gross industrial production had more than tripled compared with that of 11 years earlier. In 1974 it continued to climb. And in 1975, although it dipped as a result of the universal economic recession, it still more than tripled the 1962 figure.

The per capita income in Spain in 1975 was 2,403 dollars. The economic importance of the country can perhaps best be grasped by looking at the trade figures. Spain's total imports in 1975 amounted to 931,985,000,000 pesetas (about £7,900 million at current exchange rates) and her total exports were 441,091 million pesetas (over £3,700 million), leaving a deficit of 490,894 million pesetas (nearly £4,200 million). (nearly £4,200 million). Of course about 200,000 million pesetas (about £1,700 million) of that deficit represented

the cost of keeping Spain in petroleum for the year.

Steel production, vital for a country with constantly increasing industrial needs, is a good indicator of the state of the economy. In 1966 Spain produced less than four million metric tons. Until the mid 1950s, Altos Hornos de Vizcaya in Bilbao was Spain's largest iron and steel works. But in 1957 Ensidesa began production. In

1975 Ensidesa became even bigger by taking over Uninsa. Ensidesa's mills are at Aviles and Gijon, both in the North of Spain. A new integrated complex, with a projected annual rate of production of six million metric tons, is under construction at Sagunto, near Valencia and, incidentally, near the huge new Ford motor company plant. In 1975 Spain exported two million metric tons of iron and steel products.

In shipbuilding, Spain occupies fourth place in the world. Over the past decade buyers from more than 50 countries have chosen Spanish-built ships. This is one of the industries which most dramatically reflected Spain's industrial upsurge, although it is currently affected by the worldwide retraction in the industry, with orderbooks much slimmer than shipbuilders would like.

Spain's best market for capital equipment is the EEC. Over the past 15 years, assimilating new technology, both domestic and foreign, this industry grew rapidly. Within that period, the value of capital equipment produced rose tenfold, and Spanish technology successfully entered into such highly advanced areas as electronics, and equipment for nuclear power plants. (Over 9% of Spain's electrical

energy comes from nuclear plants; by 1985 the figure will be close to 23%.)

The names of some of Spain's biggest industrial concerns will have a familiar ring in the ears of English-speaking people: Babcock and Wilcox Espanola SA, Firestone Hispania SA (manufacturing in Spain since 1933), Ghesa (Gibbs and Hill Espanola SA), General Electrica Espanola SA (with three Spanish plants), Worthington SA, Westinghouse SA (which has delivered nearly 100 electric locomotives to the Spanish national railway system, Renfe) Union Explosivos Rio Tinto SA (with its affiliated companies, the largest industrial holding group in Spain).

Spanish technology is making its mark around the globe too. Through the coordinating office. Tecniberia, Spain offers an army of engineers, architects and other skilled specialists capable of carrying out studies, designs and plans for major engineering projects anywhere. Such projects involving Spanish participation have been carried out in Europe, the near East, the Far East, Africa and Central and South America. Tecniberia also has experience in providing technical assistance to governments in tourism and economics.

# Foreign investors bet on Spain's future

Foreign investment has played a big role in Spain's development, and it is destined to continue to play an important role in the foreseeable future. Spain encourages investment from abroad, benefiting not only from the obvious consequences, such as more employment opportunities for Spaniards, but also from the know-how of highly industrialized nations.

With the help of foreign capital, Spain has been able to build many modern factories, often much more efficient and better designed than older factories of the same

companies abread. Spain's impressive growth, the importance of her domestic market, and her gradual approximation to the EEC are bound to attract investors.

required for investments amounting to less than 50% of the total capital of a company. Justified investments involving a larger percentage need official approval, but the chances of getting such approval are usually pretty good if the investment looks advantageous for Spain.

There has recently been published a measure by which foreign investments (in several fields) can be as much as 100% of the Company's capital. The only requirement is to communicate this fact to the Government.

Spain's labour force is much better trained now than it was only a few years ago. Two things contributed to this situation: first, the economy's rapid growth encouraged Liberal legislation regulates foreign investment; programmes, frequently in collaboration with one generally speaking, government approval is not even another, and secondly, after the petroleum crisis hit

Europe, some of Spain's emigrants who had learned trades in European factories came home to add to the variety of skills available in the Spanish labour pool. There is unemployment in Spain, aggravated by the return of the emigrants, but it is less severe in terms of percentage.

than that of a great many other industrialized nations. Various laws, plans and programmes offer incentives for the establishment of industries in certain parts of the country which have lagged behind in industrial development. Such zones usually have an abundant supply of

Through commercial offices in 42 countries (plus an Paris and a Permanent Delegation for United Nations and other international bodies in Geneva) and Spanish chambers of commerce in 34 countries. Spain offers information and assistance to Spanish and foreign business-

At home the administration helps to promote foreign trade via cooperation in a number of offices, each of them orientated towards a certain industry: amongst these are Construnaves, the Spanish Shipbuilders' Association: Herramex, Export Services for the National Hand Tool Manufacturers' Group; Seopan, Association of Spanish Construction Companies; Sercobe, Spanish Capital Equipment Manufacturers' Association; Sernauto, Office for Coordination and Information in the field of manufacture ot automotive eq Tecniberia, Spanish Association of Study Service, Design

# How Spanish businessmen feel about the E.E.C.

In a sampling of opinion published recently by the agazine Europeo, a number of leading Spanish business men left no doubt about the desirability of entering the Common Market from Spain's point of view.

D. Eduardo Arruga, Chief of General Planning for

Nestie in Spain, said: The integration of Spain into such a suprenational environment is not only advisable, it is a necessity for the future of the Spanish economy . . necessary because, in the new international order which has been developing, especially since 1973, a country cannot remain tied down by nationalistic dreams which might lead it into a certain kind of dangerous isolation with respect to the large blocks. Evidently Europe is the ideal framework for such an integration, as much for geographic and historical reasons as for political and economic ones. . . .

" If we bear in mind that our greatest volume of trade is with the countries of the Community, that our techniques of business management are based on—or at least

there is an attempt to base them on—European methods, that the highest indicators of well-being correspond to Europe and that we seem to be evolving toward a political situation of European fashion, it is reasonable to conclude that our integration into the Common Market would surely be tremendously positive. . . . We must absorb the European mentality and industrial civilization, in addition to seeking new ways to look upon life. Burope today can be a good school, if we know how to take advantage of what

"A gradual integration is needed to give time to the
Spanish economy to get ready".

D. Fernando Morales; Director General of Planning of the Bank of Granada, commented:

"Already we know there are going to be problems, but we don't think they will be unsolveable. Of course many marginal firms will have to close down or else radically reorganize. . . . The competition of the Common Market firms will undoubtedly be beneficial, and it will stimulate us to find new outlooks and new formulas for

management, production and sales."

D. Francisco Jose Mañas Lopez, Executive Director General of the Pastor Bank, remarked:

"In the long run, Spain's integration into the EEC will undoubtedly be beneficial for our country, and it will present the opportunity of consolidating the development of recent years by incorporating us into a stronger economy which will oblige us to rationalize the production framework. And this is precisely the short-term problem.

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The accommodation of the Spanish industrial (and even the commercial) sector to the European pace will create problems for some firms which have not been able to sufficiently modernize their production methods and organization. For this reason, and to minimize these difficulties, which I might add are perfectly logical if we bear

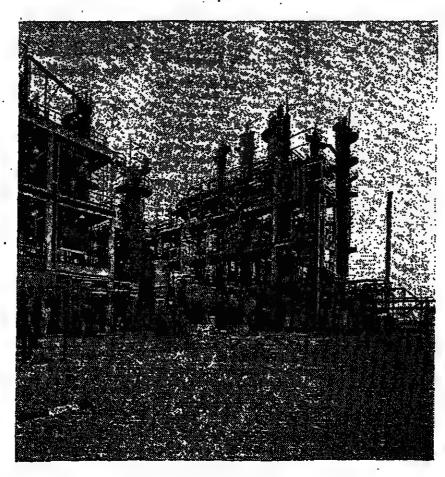
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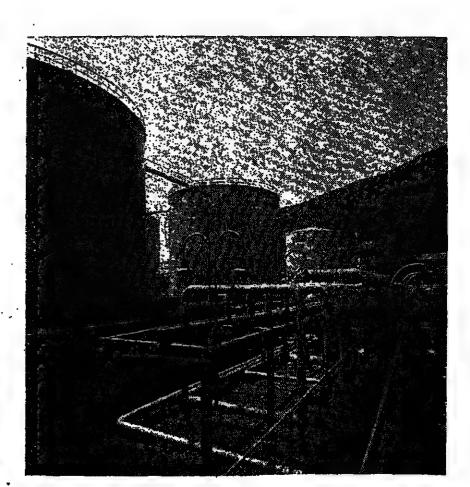
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# Membership may prove mixed blessing to the Canaries

#### by William Chislett

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Apart from a small breakaway movement—the Movement of the Self Determination and Independence of the Canary Islands, led from Algiers—the Islanders feel themselves part of Spain, although they are 1,000 kilometres from the mainland.

The movement is not Farmers' Union in January that Britain would be flooded with cheap tomatoes if Spain joins the Community. They demanded protection for home growers. Worried growers said that Spain alone produced more tomatoes than all the EEC countries put together.

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The political and economic importance of Catalonia and the Basque country play a decisive role in determining Spain's entry

With most of Spain's in-Austry concentrated into these two most politically

sensitive areas, any future democratic government will have to pay more than lip service to their demands

Caralonia, with a popula-tion of more than 5,500,000 out of a total Spanish pop-ulation of 35 million, has the highest growth rate in

the whole country. Catalonia provided about 20 per cent of the gnp last year. The prosperous Catalan and Basque middle class never tire of telling you of their against power compared to

earning power compared to the rest of Spain. They see

themselves as more in tune with Western Europe than with Madrid which they regard with a mixture of scorn arrogance and often

The Catalan and Basque business class is very much in favour of joining the EEC. This is particularly felt in Catalonia for Europe

has long been the main market for exports. Exports last year to the EEC countries, the European Free Trade Association and the

Eastern European block accounted for about 60 per cent of the Catalan total. France is the biggest single

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# More than lip service needed on autonomy



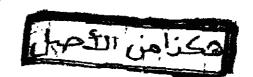
Young Basques passing the civil war victory monument in the centre of Bilbao.

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roads are made into Europe.

Frond of their history and culture and of their political progressiveness, the Catalans and Basques complain bitterly of the treatment they receive from the Madrid-based Government. Both Catalans and Basque country enjoyed national flag. The Catalan autonomy before the civil war and when it broke out they took the Republican success and made sure while and made yet when the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned the provided when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned the provided when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned the provided when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned the provided when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned the provided when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned the provided when the Government will have to settle the autonomy questioned the provided when the Government will have to settle the autonomy ques





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#### A LESS POLITICAL CABINET

The French cabinet reshuffle announced last night has no direct bearing on international affairs. M Barre remains both prime minister and economy and finance minister. The ministers of foreign affairs, defence, cooperation and foreign trade also remain unchanged, as well as those of education, supply, labour and health. In the European context the most important portfolio to thange hands is that of agriculture, but even here the replacement of the Independent Republican M Bonnet by the Centrist M Mehaignerie is most unlikely to herald any major

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change of policy.
The reshuffle is essentially related to French internal politics: in particular, to the result of the municipal elections earlier this month and to the preparation of the parliamentary elections due in a year's time. This was made clear by President Giscard d'Estaing in his televised speech on Monday night. He interpreted the muni-cipal election results as a message" to himself from the French people, rather in the manner of an anxious friend or relative who interprets a suicide attempt as a cry for help. France, the president said, "fears the success of the opposition, even if she were to choose it "

Two things, in his view, are driving his countrymen to this quasi-suicidal behaviour: first. the difficulty and slowness of the change which he had bring all the Government's promised them when they supporters together rather than elected him in 1974; and secondly, the conspicuous disunity of the "majority" (that is, the parties supporting the Government) in the municipal election campaign. His solution is to form a tighter, less political government and to promise that for the parliamentary elections the "majority" will unite

"around a programme demo-cratically worked out"—a pacte majoritaire which can be put up against the programme commun of the left. He thus gracefully accepts an idea put forward by M Chirac, whose successful drive to become Mayor of Paris had seemed an implicit challenge to the president's leadership of the "majority", but to whose work as prime minister before last August the president paid an elegant tribute.

M Giscard d'Estaing's effort to break the Gaullist majority within the "majority" and to replace the hegemony of the Gaullist party with that of a centre-right party taking its lead from himself has thus apparently been abandoned—even though some fierce jockeying for position can be expected when it comes to adopting a candidate in each constituency for the parlia-mentary elections. As he himself "the need for unity is more urgent than the right to be

different". His own interest is to to back some of them against the others.

Theoretically this should have been achieved under M Barre's government as previously constructed, with leaders of all four government parties serving under a neutral prime minister. In fact this did not work because the Gaullist representative. M. Guichard, was not the leader of his party. It was M Chirac, the disgruntled ex-prime minister, who quickly established himself as the Gaullist leader; and he, being outside the cabinet, did not feel himself in any way bound by the rules of cabinet solidarity. The leaders of the other parties, particualry M Poniatowski and M Lecanuet, counterattacked from inside the Government, and the pretence of unity was thus shattered. Consequently all four political " ministers have now been dropped, and though they have been replaced by others from the same parties it is clear that these will not have the same role. Especially significant is the departure of M Poniatowski, for so long M Giscard d'Estaing's political "man of business", from the Ministry of the Interior. In that post he had succeeded in making himself universally unpopular and—by his handling of the de Broglie and Abu Daoud affairs-almost notorious. He will not be missed.

#### A SUCCESSFUL ROYAL TOUR

Despite some lively demonstrations of republican sentiment in Australia, the Queen-who returns to London early this morning can feel well satisfied with her gruelling seven-week jubilee year tour of the South Pacific. New Zeeland and Australia Even though it was her fifth visit to New Zealand as Queen, and her sixth to Australia, the croyeds were in general both large and warmly welcoming even if compassed mainly of women and children. Apart from some formal functions such as the opening of Parliament in Wellington and Canberra, the accent was an informal "walkabouts. This gave the maximum number of people a chance to see and even ralk to the Queen and Prince Philip, while lending the tour a somewhat unstructured

The New Zealanders have once again demonstrated their uncomplicated acceptance of the Queen as their head of state. It remains to be seen whether the appointment as the Queen was ring of Sir Keith Holyoake, a former Prime Minister and still an active politician, as the next Governor General will eventually bring that traditionally nonpartisan office to the forefront of the political areas.

That is just where it has remained in Anstralia since the Queen's representative there, Sir John Kerr, created constitu-

tional history in November 1975. By dismissing the Labour government of Mr Gough Whitlam, Sir John resolved the constitutional crisis caused by the Senate's blockage of the money supply, and paved the way for Mr Malcolm Fraser's crushing electoral victory a few weeks later.

Notwithstanding Mr. Whitlam's subsequent display of sustained petulance, Sir John is widely considered to have acted both correctly and in the best interests of the country and democracy. If he had thereafter tendered his resignation and faded gracefully from the scene, he would have saved himself and his country from much bitter-

By staying on, he has presented the republicans with a focus for their discontent, and it was against himself and the office of Governor-General that the young protesters were demonstrating. Prima facie, their case is not unreasonable: there is something anachronistic in the very title of Governor-General in country of considerable political maturity and great economic wealth and resources; and in Sir John's direct interference as the Queen's representative in the working of this mature democracy, however justified at the time.

The fact is, however, that the vast majority of Australians do the constitutional not

monarchy in this light, and show no signs of bankering for the dramatic changes required to create a republic. They consider that the existing arrangements have stood the country in good stead, and believe that the links with the crown help protect them against abuse of the constitution by government of the day. It is true that some non-British immigrants have not relished swearing an oath of allegiance to the Queen on becoming Australian citizens. But coming as many of them have done from Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia or Eastern Europe, they have seen some unlovely republican regimes in action. They do not tend to favour change, particularly if advocated by local Communists.

Such little public thinking as Australia's republicans have done about their model Australian constitution seems to point towards a President of the largely representational, West German, Irish or Indian variety, rather than on American or French lines. Ironically, the powers of such a president would probably not be very different from those of the Governor-General But all the indications are that Australians as a whole still have a high regard for the Queen, and a relatively low regard for their own national politicians, and remain far from anxious to embrace

# ALL OUT OF STEP EXCEPT JOHN BULL

Triumphantly anacuracing that the United Kingdom has on its own blocked agreement on a new set of agricultural price increases for Busope is not the best way of massing the process. best way of ensuring the success of our six months as President of the European Community. None the less, the Government are probably right to feel that with the fight against inflation at its corrent critical phasethey must be seen to do all they can to ensure that the farm policy of the Buropean Com-munity does not avoidably

The Government's policy is todemand concessions to the United Kingdom in the form of a subside on butter in return for accepting a small devaluation of the green pound. Since butter has always been an emotive issue in discussion of Britain's membership of the EEC, it is perhaps understandable and acceptable that the Government should want some concessions on that front, Although the problem of the butter mountain is one for Europe as a whole, it would be unrealistic to expect a subsidy scheme to be applied across the Community. That would be so costly as to be prohibitive. The Government are thus not un-

package of measures proposed by the Commission does not go quite far enough to meet the United Kingdom's justifiable demands for a fundamental shift in the farm policy in the coming years. The surpluses of dairy products are not new and have engaged the rather half-hearted attention of Community ministers for nearly ten years. Although there has been a great deal of talk about the need to switch production away from the dairy sector and to find a better way of protecting the living standards of those who work in that sector.

too little concrete action has been taken. Thus there is a strong case for using the power which the United Kingdom has to delay price increases as a bargaining lever to get faster and more resolute action. We ought also to be prepared to use the windfall profits which we have made through the system of "green currencies" to persuade our partners that it is in their interests to carry out a thorough reform of the working of the

Common Agricultural Policy as a whole. But in doing this we should take care to ensure that the bargaining lever does not turn into a readblock holding up all progress towards common

uncertainties of change.

action.

. The latest Government action comes at a time when the United Kingdom's tactics within the Community have won it few friends. On too many issues we have seemed to put immediate national interest above the good of the Community as a whole. Sometimes this is a matter of substance and sometimes a question of style. Even when the differences between the United Kingdom and other countries are not really great there seems to be a willingness to play to the gallery of Labour Party members who remain hostile to the whole idea of British participation in the EEC. That debate is over. We are part of Europe, and as such we should be playing a full role in constructive debate about how it can be improved. That responsibility is all the greater because of our position as President of the Community, but it will not come to a close at the end of June. It is time that we showed ourselves willing to act as if we realized it. -

#### Bank loans to S. Africa From the Dean of Norwich

Sir, The decision by a number of churches, religious bodies, local authorities and other organizations to attend the Midland Bank's annual general meeting, 1977, needs to be discussed more widely. Their resolution runs that "this meeting requires the Directors to cause the Midland Bank to make no further loans to the South African Government or its departments, agencies, or state corporations, and not to renew or extend any such existing loans".

Last year Lord Armstrong said that he regretted that "so many Christian churches have got themselves into this vengeful mood". There are many investors in this country as well as most church people who are not vengeful but firmly opposed to apartheid, especially when it is maintained, as it is by the South African Government, on Christian grounds. Shareholders ere emitted to express their views about the policy of the companies

in which they invest, and occasionally their pressure has been of ethi-cal value as in the case of the protests made to the Distillers' Company over the problem of the level of assistance to the children suffering from thalidomide.

There are good grounds for be-lieving that some banks, such as Barclays International, are much more sensitive to the ethical problem of apartheid than others. Disinvestment in Southern Africa is not the issue in the case of the Midland Bank. The issue is the making of loans to the Government and the distinction, though fine, is worth making.

There is increasing evidence that Christian leaders in Africa, both lay and clerical, hope that the British churches and other institutions will understand the implications of giving direct financial support to the Government of South Africa. It is known that the late Archbishop Luwum and other Ugandan church leaders hoped that we would not invest our funds in the South African

The public discussion of this key issue at the Midland Bank annual meeting will be keenly observed by African leaders, both political and religious, lay and clerical. The commercial wisdom of investment by local authorities, churches and other bodies in Southern Africa is not for me to try to assess. I applaud those British banks and companies which avoid direct loans to the South African Government, which can be used for arms, and use all their influence to create a more human society which recognizes trade unions, grants equal political rights and frees the political and Christian leaders now harassed in prison. Lancashire cotton workers the last century made considerable sacrifices to avoid aiding the Southern States who were then de-fending the institution of slavery. There is an analogy here for investors today. Yours faithfully,

ALAN WEBSTER,

The Deanery, Norwich. March 28;

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Liberal pact with Labour

From Professor F. A. Hayek, FBA Sir, May one who has devoted a large part of his life to the study of the history and the principles of liberalism point out that a party that keeps a socialist government in power clearly has lost all title to the name "Liberal". Certainly no liberal can in future vote "Liberal". Yours faithfully,

F. A. HAYEK, D-78 Freiburg i Brg, Urachstrasse 27

Prom Miss Elizabeth Appleby Sic,-The implication behind the result of the Liberal-Labour alliance should be more fully understood by

the public. · It is generally accepted that the pact is seen as a measure to allow Labour to pick its own polling date. It is a fair assumption that the Prime Minister will, if possible, select a date most favourable to the Government with the result that there is a real possibility at the next general election of the return of a Lahour government with a clear majority which would rule without the essistance of the Liberals. It would then be open to the government to bring in irrever-sible government measures to satisfy the dictates of the National

Executive. If the Liberals had supported the Conservatives on their censure motion the Government would have been defeated and the inevitable general election would have resulted in the return of a Conservative government with a large majority. The spread of the dead hand of socialism would then have been stopped. Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH APPLEBY. 13 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

From Councillor Deir<del>a</del>re Martineau Sir, A relevant foot relating to the recent Liberal-Labour part appears out of the results of the more recent Mortake Ward by election, Rich-

March 29.

TRODO.

The Liberals gained an overall mejority in a record turnout of 57 per cent, with a swing of 12 per cent from Labour to Labour Association of Richmond has been forthright in its extremist views towards the Government, thereby alienating a large section of the Lebour vote, and hastening the booed for realignment of the centre of British politics.

Yours faithfully, DEIRDRE MARTINEAU, Cronwell Lodge The Terrace, Barnes, SW13, Merch 29,

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)

Sir, The Lib-Lab pact seems to be based on the idea that it will herald the arrival of the "moderate" socialist. Will someone please tell me what sort of socialism does a socialist stand for moderate socialist stand for?
Is he, for instance, in favour of nationalizing the strengt and ship-building industries, but not the banks or insurance companies? Is he in favour of weakening our defences, but not as drastically as the Tribune Group? Is he, or is he not, in favour of picketing such as we have seen at the Surrey hospitals?

So far there has been no evidence that the so-called moderates in the Labour Cabinet were able to stop any of the extreme socialist measures which have been passed since 1974, or even to modify the Government position on such outrages as the Clay Cross affair.

I believe people will soon dis-cover that the possuit of the "moderate" socialist is a fool's errand. Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES, House of Commons. March 29,

#### Hospital picketing

From Mr L. R. Robertson Sir, I see little difference in prin-ciple between foreign terrorists seizing indocent hostages as bargaining counters, and members of a British trade union preventing food and other essential supplies being delivered for helpless 80-year-olds at the Schiff hospital at Epson in order to enforce their demands at enother hospital.

I hope the TUC or someone else on the union side will speak our clearly, or better still take action, against this sort of behaviour, as otherwise can we any longer pretend that we are a more civilized society

Yours faithfully, L. R. ROBERTSON 24 Bassett Wood Drive, Southampton, Hampshire. March 27.

#### The Annan Report

From Mr Andrew Blundy Sir, I find the thread of contempt for the average viewer that is woven through your extracts from, and leading article on, the Annan Report both surprising and odious. Both seemed to have been written on the premise that the aims of programme quality and of large audiences are diametrically opposed I feel that experience has shown that improving the produced the second or the produced that the produced the second or the produced that the produced the produced that the produced the produced that the produced the produced the produced the produced that that innovative, well produced, "watchable" programmes are quite capable of capturing large numbers of viewers. The fault lies not with the viewer (after all, if he/she is as undiscerning as the Annan Report implies, why the need for a report at all?) but with the schedule planners, who, quite frequently. give the viewing public no alterna nive to the American detective shows, soap operas, and third rate "comedy" shows. I am, Sir, Yours faithfully, ANDREW BLUNDY,

The University,

March .

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Canterbury,

#### Nuclear power and civil liberties

From Mr Paul Sieghart

Sir. In a leading article on October 28 last, you reviewed a pamphlet called "Nuclear Prospects" by Michael Flood and Robin Grove-White. This raised an important issue which you did not have space to discuss: the possible effect of a large-scale nuclear power programme on the civil rights and freedoms of United Kingdom citizens, and on the rule of law. That issue is one which must be of central concern to Justice.

To explain why, we must first summarize very briefly the analysis developed in "Nuclear Prospects": 1, A large-scale nuclear power programme needs to reprocess special elements to extract from them (among other things) plutonium concentrates which are then re-used ogramme needs to reprocess spent as reactor fuel.

2. It is not practical for the reprocessing to take place at the power stations where the fuel is

3. Accordingly, increasing quantities of plutonium—amounting eventually to some thousands of tons a year—will be transported between different places in Great Britain which may be hundreds of miles apart.

Plutonium can be safely handled with rubber gloves: aithough it is one of the most toxic substances known if it enters the human body, its radioactive emissions are only slight.

5. About six or eight kilograms of plutonium furnish enough nuclear explosive for a small atomic bomb, with a yield equivalent to perhaps 100 tons of high explosive, capable of killing some thousands of people. of people.

6. Given the plutonium, the technical skills and equipment needed to fabricate such a bomb are not too difficult to find in an advanced industrial country.
7. Once nuclear power is beinggenerated on a large scale, it would not be long before enough photonium in transit was "unaccounted for" to make a terrorist

threat of an atomic explosion—or of toxic dispersal—sufficiently credible for no responsible government to be able to ignore it.

8. Accordingly, any responsible government would be bound to take the most exclusive to protect. the most stringent steps to protect its citizens from such threats.

Its citizens from such threats.

9. Those steps would probably need to include, as a minimum, a substantial escalation in the surveillance of citizens by the security services, heavily armed guards for all consignments of photonium, and sweeping emergency powers of search, seizure and arrest for the police in the event of a terrorist

We found this analysis profoundly disturbing. Accordingly, we wrote

to the Secretary of State for Energy to ask what view he took of it. We have since met Mr Benn and his advisers, and it would seem that —apart from the detailed figures in "Nuclear Prospects" (which, as the authors themselves recognize, can only be specularive)—the srenario described in that pamphlet is far from fanciful. It is worth noting in this connexion that the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority already maintains a Special Constabulary who, following a special Act passed last year, are authorized to carry automatic weapons, and invested with special weapons, and invested with special powers of pursuit and arrest. That constabulary, unlike ordinary police forces, is not answerable to any elected body, such as a local police authority or (in the case of the Metropolitan Police) Parliament

Metropolitan Pokce) Parliament through the Home Secretary.

The Government is currently considering its response to the Sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, written under the chairmanship of Sir Brian Flowers. That report dealt principally with the environmental effects of a "plutonium economy". Those of course fall outside Justice's area of competence.

But if the price which our citizens will have to pay for the choice of a large-scale nuclear power programme includes an armed force of some thousands, nor confined within perimeter fences and yet

—in Parliament, in the press, and elsewhere.

We therefore venture to express the hope that, in its forthcoming response to the Flowers Report, the Government will not fail to make known its views on this issue also.

Technological solutions can often be found for technological problems. But we know of no technological

lems. But we know of no techno-logical answer to dramatic inroads into civil libertles which may one day—when it is too late to go back be found necessary in the interests of national security, because we have chosen to rely on one source of energy rather than another. If we now make that choice, we must at least make it with a full understanding of all its possible consequences hereafter. quences hereafter, Yours, etc, PAUL SIEGHART,

Joint Chairman, Executive Committee, Justice (British Section, Jurists), 2 Clement's Inn, Strand, WC2. March 23.

#### Greece and the EEC From Professor Jean Siotis

Sir, In his article published on March 17, Michael Shanks expresses some doubts as to the capacity of our Civil Service to meet the needs of Greece's membership of Greece's membership in the European Communities. It will certainly interest your readers to learn that the Greek authorities are taking very seriously the question of preparing the Civil Service, our judiciary and, more generally, the country's scientific and technological mampower to meet precisely these.

A series of different training pro grammes are already under way, involving several bundreds civil servans, magistrates and young intellectuals who hold government fellowships and scholarships of all sorts and who follow special sources in various European countries. Moreover, the non-governmental countries and who follows farmers. The server of the s sectors—trade unions, farmers' co-operatives, chambers of commerce and industry, etc.—have undertaken similar programmes, with the sup-port of the government and of the Suropean Commission.

Ruropean Commission.

The following examples are characteristic of the types and importance of these programmes:

—At present, 344 civil servants follow intensive five months' language courses. During this period, they are relieved of all duties and we have provided for very considerable material incentives for particlepants. The British Council, in Athens, is responsible for running the courses in English.

Athens, is responsible for running the courses in English.

—A group of young linguists, lawyers and economists will begin an intensive interpretors' training programme in May, at the University of Geneva, with the financial support of the European Commission and of the Greek government.

—Ten young Greeks hold government acholarships at the College of Europe (Bruges).

#### Consultation From Dr S. J. H. Ashcroft

Sir. As a contribution to the discussion by Philip Howard (article, March 28) of that most popular of vogue words "consultation", may lofter the following lines from this year's Eynsham Primary School pantominue. They were spoken by the Evil Queen to her counsellors: Queen: Now I am going off to think of a Plan, When I return you can tell me what a good Plan it is: that is what we Rulers call "Consultation".

Yours faithfully,
S. J. H. ASHCROFT, Sir. As a commitment to the dis-

S. J. H. ASHCROFT. Magdalen College, Oxford.

#### Daylesford From Mr Peter Reid

Sir. The splendid example of English waffling which has become the sad story of Mentmore has very success-

fully drummed out of view the break-up of Daylesford.

Daylesford, near Moreton-in-Marsh, is one of three surviving houses designed by S. P. Cockerell and it was built in the 1790s for Warrent Hastings during his long leating wind for improvement. During lasting tried for impeachment Dur-ing the past 20 years, Viscount Rothermene not only restored the fabric of golden stone and made the park beautiful once more, but the filled it again with an outstanding collection of Hastings's belongings—fortiume, pictures, porcelain—even clothing.

New we have the sudden and dramatic news that telestion has brought to an end what was essentially Lord Rothermere's master creation. Hastings's things are no

programme includes an armed force of some thousands, not confined within perimeter fences and yet beyond elected control, greatly increased surveillance of members of the public by the security services, and vastly enlarged police powers, then we believe that such a decision should not be taken without the fullest and widest public debate

International Commission of

—Since September, 1976, 25 Greek civil servants and young adentifies have participated in the in-service training pregrammes, organized by the European Commission. These programmes last five months and the fellowships are provided by the European Commission and by the Greek Government.

Thirteen magistrates are following annual courses in community law, in various European universi-ties. They are also bolders of gov-

arnment fellowships.

—Last, but not least, in May, 1977, special tenday training programmes will begin in all Greek administrations and the seams of the Courts of Appeal (for magistrates). Our estimation is that, by 1980, more than five thousand civil servants and practically, all of our magistrates will have participated in such. will have participated in such course.

To the best of my knowledge, and in my capacity as Adviser to the Ministry of Coordination such extensive programmes have not yet been carried out in any of not yet been carried out in any of the Community's new members. Characteristically I should mention that the cost of these programmes for the Greek authorities in 1977 will exceed £600,000. The Greek Government has learnt from the experience of others and it is trying to fill the gaps which undoubtedly exist today, by planning the adaptation of our country's economic, social and administrative structures well in advance of our accession well in advance of our accession to membership. At the same time, our present activities will enable Greece to put forth, at the time of accession, a great number of high level candidates for employment in the various community administrations.

Yours, etc. TEAN STOTIS, Ministry of Coordination, Constitution Square. Athens. March 19.

#### longer in the house which is now up for sale,

Here is a supero bouse, little known architecturally which has un rivelled historical interest and which surely has the greatest pos-sible appeal to English taste. Here was an opportunity to preserve the house, with Hastings's belongings in it, to empower trustees to buy more of the great man's possessions when opportunities occurred and to even extend the idea, so Daylesford could become an Anglo-Indian museum of the 18th century—in addition to being a shrine to

But, of course, in this mert land, there has not been a single rallying cry for Daylesford. Is there anyone, anywhere, who has that extra ounce of determination to save this house? Yours faithfully,

PETER REID, 49 Sloane Gardens, SW1.

#### The fall of Rome

From Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Cairns Sir, A few years ago, at Pompeii, I heard the view advanced that the decline of Rome was due in some measure to lead poisoning, induced by the lining or caulking sometimes used to prevent leaks in the stone aqueducts, Presumably the onset of poisoning would have been gradual and in parallel with the growth of

the aqueduct system.

If this theory has any substance, some analysis of the likely effects might be possible. Yours faithfully, 1111 G. C. CAIRNS, Monckswood,

Wembury, Plymouth,

#### Money supply and inflation ,

From Professor Lord Kaldor, FBA Sir, In your leading article today (March 30) you repeat the assertion that "the evidence is that the money supply determined the future movement in prices" and "there is a time lag of approximately two . years between changes in monetary policy and changes in the inflation rate". May I draw your attention . to the paper by Roger Tarling and Frank Wilkinson on "Inflation and money supply " in the current Cambridge Economic Policy Review. which convincingly demonstrates that in the case of the United King dom at any rate, there is no histo-rical evidence whatever that any-such contention—with the exception of a brief period of two years for which the correlation can convinc-ingly be shown to be the fortuitous

result of coincidence. Some two years ugo W. D. Nordhouse, of Yale (now a member of President Carter's Council of Economic Advisers), came to the same conclusion in an econometric study published by the Brookings Institution which covered a number of vanced countries and not just the United Kingdom.

It is often 'suggested that assertions can come to be firmly believed if they are repeated frequently enough. If this is true, the baric tenets of monetarism may now have aquired the status of some of the fundamental teners of religion, and may well have passed the stage at which they are vulnerable to the findings of empirical studies. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS KALDOR,

March 30.

#### The 'Panorama' school From Mr Gerard N. Hughes

Sir, The concern of members of the Education Committee of the London Borough of Enling about some of the proceedings leading to the BBC sponsored Panorama programme on Faraday School will be heightened by the letter from Miss! Angela Pope (March 28). She refers to encouragement by the "Labour controlled London Borough of Ealing. As the Chairman of its Education Committee I am only aware of one occasion when the matter was discussed—and that was when the full Education Committee. met on November 10, 1976-when permission was given, subject to conditions, for a film "the main purpose of which would be to give a genuine portrait of daily life in a large secondary school". I, and my committee members, intend dispassionately to committee members, intend dispassionately to examine what has in fact happened and I do not, there was fore, wish to comment prematurely by except to say that some points in Miss Pope's letter do not accordance to recollection of events or with my recollection of events or my understanding of fact. Yours faithfully,

G. N. HUGHES, Chairman of London Borough of Ealing Education Committee, Town Hall.

189 From Mr Michael Lourie Sir As one of the Ealing Education Committee who voted in support of allowing Panorama to film at Feraday High Setion, I should like to assure Angela Pope (March 28) that after seeing the ffim I have no regrets. It is a good thing that the public should be aware of some of the problems that classroom teachers face. Other then being a teachers face. Other then being a councilior, I am a teacher at a comprehensive school in West Drayton. I enjoy teaching my 3rd, 4th and 5th year classes but sometimes it is a struggle. Standards at Feraday ere comparable to most comprehensive schools in Greater London, Angela Pone has succeeded in schmitter than Pope has succeeded in showing the reality of the situation.

Yours faithfully,

#### Yours faithfully, MICHAEL LOURIE, Labour councillor. Town Hall, Eaking, W5, March 28,

#### A flight of butterflies From Mr M. Broughton

Sir, Spraying over the cultivated lands, orchards, nurseries and gardens of Mallorca is thorough, systematic and almost ritualistic. To see a butterfly was to be surprised by iov.

Today (March 24) I was delighted to see three Heath Fritilaries (Melitaea Athaha) feeding or resting on a lavender bush (L. stoechas L.) and in obvious health and colour. As I moved closer they flew not randomly but directly and purpose. fully west. Still a little incredulous I followed their flight carefully and found myself standing in a stream or flowing drift of the same butter

They were flying gaily, dancingly bu? steadily from east to west against a gently blowing west wind, riding easily above and through it. They were not in swarms but in loose throngs and clusters, following a path 200 metres above sea level, five metres wide and ranging from ground level to above the pine tree

The cippling flight began at 11.15, British Summer Time, and con-tinued until 3.15 in the afternoon, although there were still stragglers at six o'clock. They flew without being attracted by flowers or blossoming shrubs, all the time from east to west. Were they making for the pine woods on the further hillside, the gladantina carpeted farmlands marking the approaches to Palma or migrating? Have they also developed some immunity to

powerful insecticides? Perhaps some of your naturalist readers, many of whom have visited Mallorca and enriched our know-ledge of its flora and fauna, would give some information. Yours sincerely, MORRIS EROUGHTON

D'Ak Muncanya, S'Empeltada Beya, Mallorca,

Spain, March 24.

Sale Room Correspondent

It was Sotheby's turn yesterday to have a little difficulty in selling

Impressionist and modern paintings. Renoh's "Jeune fille an hanc" was sold to Dreesman, a collector from Amsterdam, at 5125,000 (estimate 5150,000). Painted in 1875, it depicts kind Lopez, one of Renoh's favourite models.

models.

But the other two high-filers failed to seil, Braque's "Guitare et bouteille de rhum" at £160,000 (estimate £180,000) and another Renoir, "Portrait de Jean" at £65,000 (estimate £88,000 to £106,000).

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The sale totalied 11,978,700, with 30 per cent, or 18 lots out of 70, unsold. In the main, prices were running a little below estimate, indicating that those prepared to cut their reserves could still sell their pictures.

Sotheby's also sold a selection of stulating and drawings from the

Luncheons

Prime Minister and Mrs James Callaghan were hosts at a huncheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of M Léopold Sédar Senghor, President of Senegal. The other guests were:

11 Babear Ba, the Ambassides of Senegal. M and Mrse Strion Nouvu Ba. Commandant Wane: Dr David Owen, MP, and Mrs Owen, MF Francis Pym, MP, Mr Michael Meacher. MP and Mrs Meacher. Mr William Whitock, MP and Mrs Writlock, Mr Haurics Foley, Mr and Mrs Writlock, Mr Maurics Foley, Mr and Mrs Writlock, Mr Maurics Foley, Mr and Mrs Writlock, Mr Maurics Foley, Mr and Mrs Mille Bridget Bloom, Airred Spinks, Mics Bridget Bloom, Sir Michael and Lady Polliager, Mr and Mrs Tom McNaily and Mr P. R. E. Wright.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, save a luncheou party at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of the Prime Minister of New Zeeland, Mr Robert Muddoon.

Mrs M. Thatcher, MP





#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Counsellors of State under Her Majesty's Commission, held a Council on behalf of The Queen at 12.40 o'clock this afternoon.

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There were present: the Right Hon Michael Foot, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Bruce Millan, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), the Right Hon John Morris, MP (Secretary of State for Wales), and the Right Hon Dr Dickson Mabon, MP (Minister of State, Department of Energy).

Sir Rousland Cummun-Ruce Sir Roualeyn Comming-Bruce (Lord Justice of Appeal) was sworn in a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Neville Leigh was in attend-The Right Hon Michael Foot, MP, had an audience of the Council.

MP, had an audience of the Counsellors of State before the Council. sellors of State before the Council.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother, accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Princess Alexandra, the Hon
Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon
Angus Ogilvy, was present this
evening at the Royal Film Performance in aid of the Cheema
and Television Benevolent Fund at
the Odeon Theatre, Leicester
Souare.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 30: Princess Alice.
Duchess of Gloucester, as President, this morning amended a meeting of the Ladies' Gulid of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem at No 1 Grosvenor Crescent. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness was present at the Annual General Meeting of the East Africa Women's League (United Kinedom). (United Kingdom). Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE March 30: The Duke of Kenr, President of the Football Association, this evening attended the World Cup Match between England and Luxembourg at the Empire Stadium, Wembley.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, accompanied by Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mounthatten of Burma, will attend the premiere of the film A Bridge too Far, at the Liecester Square Theatre, in aid of The Soldiers' Sallors' and Airmen's Families Association, the Army Benevolent Fund, the Airborne Forces Security Fund, the RAF Benevolent Fund and the British Academy for Film and Television Awards, on June 23.

#### Birthdays today

Sir Robert Cockburn, 68; Vis-count Furness, 48; Sir Jim Holland, 66; Mr D. J. Rees, 64; the Very Rev Dr G. T. H. Reid, 67; Canon Charles H. Smyth, 74; Miss Antonia White, 78.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Dr N. J. Douglas and Dr S. McL. Galloway

The engagement is announced between Neil James, elder son of Sir Donald and Lady Douglas, of Whitehouse of Nevay, Angus, and Sue McLaren, daughter of Dr and Mrs. T. McL. Galloway of Chichenes. Mr A. J. Badcock and Allss F. C. MacGibbon Lewis

The engagement is announced between Ashley, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Badcock, of Cobham, Surrey, and Fabienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bunny MacGibbou Lewis, of Dolphin Square, London, SW1.

Dr N. Buskard and Dr V. Livingstone The engagement is announced between Noël Buskard, son of the late Warren Buskard and Mrs Buskard, of Ottawa, Canada, and Verity Livingstone, daughter of the late Gavin Livingstone and Mrs Livingstone, of Yarnton, Oxfordshire.

Mr A. Gilroy and Miss J. Neill

The engagement is announced between Alexander Gilroy, of 11 Gloucester Place, Edinburgh, and Jean Neill, of Ardmillan, Mauchline, Ayrshire. Mr A. R. Humphrey and Miss A. L. Wood

and Miss A. L. Wood
The marriage is to take place on
July 23 at The Abbey, Selby, of
Authory Robert, son of Mr and
Mrs Idwal R. Humphrey, of
Reves Hall, Eyke, Suffolk, and
Ann Louise, only daughter of Mr
and Mrs John F. Wood, of 11
Kitchener Street, Selby, Yorkstore. ADDRE.

Mr. f. Marcan and Miss F. Bell and Miss F. Bell
The engagement is aumounced
between lan, younger son of Mr
and Mrs David Murray, Ballymenoch, Cardross, and Flona
Falconer, second daughter of
Sheriff and Mrs Stewart Bell, 23
Cleveden Drive, Glasgow.

Mr T. L. S. Sangster and Miss H. J. Beetham The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Sangster, of Mole End, High Molewood, Hertford, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. B. Beetham, of Rickneys, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr M. Leigh and Mrs M. T. Bright The marriage between Mr Morris Leigh and Mrs Manja T. Bright took place on Wednesday, March 30, at the Central Synagogue, Great Fordand Street, London, Wi.

Mr D. W. D. Southrop and Miss E. K. Brookes The marriage took place on March 26 at Christ Church, The Quinton, Birmingham, between Mr David Southron, of Burnt Ash Hill. London, SE12, and Miss Elinor Kay Brookes, of Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands.

Royal Caledonian Ball The Royal Caledonian Bali will be held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, Wil, on Monday, May 9. Tickets may be obtained from the ball office, which will be open at Grosvenor House from Monday, April 4.

Judge retires

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Judge Noakes retires today from the circuit Bench. He was appointed to the County Court Bench in 1968 and became a circuit judge on the South Eastern Circuit out the coming into force of the Courts Act in January, 1972. The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Sir Robin Vanderfelt, gave a buffet luncheon at 7 Old Palace Yard yesterday in honour



Chagall fetches a record £115,000 OBITUARY

Chagall's "Les mariés et le coq", which fetched £115,000

their pictures.

Sotheby's also sold a selection of sculpture and drawings from the Werner and Neily Bär collection of Zurich, 22 lors, for £183,500, with 14 per cent unsold. Mailett's paid £27,000 (estimate £20,000 to £25,000) for a bronze relief of the Judgment of Paris by Renofr; Archipenko's bronze, "Turming Torso", of 1921, made £14,000 (estimate £15,000 to £18,000).

The afternoon sale of water-colours and drawings went rather hetter than the paintings, totalling £405,390, with 24 per cent unsold. A water-colour made by Géricanlt after his famous oil, "The raft of the Medusa", made £21,000 (estimate £20,000 to £25,000) to Krugler of Paris.

At Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Tuesday the first sale of important modern manuscripts and first editions from the collection of Journan Goodwin made £266,076, about 50 per cent more than the top estimate.

The star lot was a group of 30 letters from Hemingway to his parents covering the years 1920-28, when he was working as a journalist and having his first suc-cesses as a writer. They made \$65,000 (estimate \$30,000 to \$40,000) or \$37,791.

Notable prices included a first edition William Carlos Williams Poems of 1909 at \$16,000 (estimate \$8,000 to \$10,000) or \$9,302 and a first edition of D. H. Lawrence's The Rainbow of 1915, most of the copies of which were suppressed, at \$2,200 (estimate \$500 to \$700)

of delegates attending the eighth conference of the United Kingdom and the Mediterranean Region.

Unit Trust Association
Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of
State for Trade, was the principal
guest at the animal luncheon of
the Unit Trust Association held
yesterday at Carpenters' Hall, Mr
Edgar Palamouniain, chalman of
the association, presided. Other
guests included:

Mr K. H. Allen, Mr M. Beiton, Mr B.
Esques, Mr Isa Fraser, Mr N. Gaffu,
Mr W. C. Harris, Sir Jasoer Hellou,
Mr W. G. Bir Welch and Mr Unit Trust Association

Dinners

Prime Minister Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs James
Callaghan were bosts at a dinner
at 10 Downing Street yesterday in
honour of the Prime Minister of
New Zealand and Mrs R. D.
Muldoon. The other guests were:
The New Zealand Heah, Commissioner
and Mrs Carter. Mr P. H. Carver.
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And Mrs Carter. Mr P. H. Corver.
Mrs Carter. Mrs Carter.
Mrs Mrs Maller, Dr David
Owen, MP, and Mrs Gwen, the Hoa
John Stilin, MP, and Mrs Moller, Mr Briste.
Mrs Mrs Mrs Maller, Mrs Mrs Maller
jaw. Mr David Steel, Mr D. Laci and
Lady Thomson of Montfleth, Mr Bryen

unsold. A Thomas Tompion ebony reneered rack-striking bracket clock sold for £12,000 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000). A sale of Art Nouveau and Arts and Crafts at Sotheby's Belgravia made £81,183 with 4 per cent un-

British Medical Association The chairman of council of the British Medical Association, Dr. J. C. Cameron, entertained the president of the association, Mr. Barry O'Donnell, and Mrs. O'Donnell at dinner at BMA House last night. Others present inclined:

or 51,279. Three lots in the sale were unsold. Christie's sold clocks and scien-iffe interpretate with the Particle

tific instruments, with fine English clocks selling well. The sale totalled £125,686 with 13 per cent

Royal College of Surgeous of Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeous of England, and Lady Smith gave a dinner party at the college yester-day evening. Those present in-cluded: Professor and viry Charles Rob. Profes-Cipien:
Professor and Wrs Charles Rob, Professor and Wrs Hugh Duding. Mr and Mrs Hugh Duding. Mr and Mrs B. H. G. Eastfort, Professor Francis Moore and Mr Ronald W. Raven.

Vincent's Club Oxford The annual dinner of Vincent's Club Oxford was held at Lord's Cricket Ground last night. The Hon William Douglas-Home was the guest of honour, and Mr P. W. Kimmonth was in the chair.

#### MR DAVID PATEY

MISS JOYCE BARBOUR

A long career on the stage

Miss Joyce Barbour, the actress, died in hospital at Northwood, Middlesex, on March 14 at the age of 75.

She was born at Binmingham Gerald Savory's comedy George and Margaret in which Miss Barbour achieved her greatest success. Originally produced by the Repertory Players on a Sunday evening in January, than 40 years pleyed a wide variety of parts in revue, musical productions and lister and remained there for

ing her stage career of more than 40 years pieyed a wide variety of parts in revue, musical productions and

musical productions and straight comedies. As the years passed she completely changed her style and from the lighthearted singer and dancer she became one of the most delightful, and accomplished players of middle-aged parts. She had a keen sense of humour and when required could introduce a cumpy edge

could introduce a cutting edge into her work which was in no

way representative of her per-sonal character.

sonal character.

Her first London appearance was at the Gaiety in April, 1915, in the chorus of Tonight's the Night. A few years later she went to the Empire as understudy to Miss Edith Day in Irane and acquitted herself admirably when called on to play the learning part for eight weeks. In 1924 and again in 1928 she was playing in New

weeks. In 1924 and again in 1928 she was playing in New York and in the intervening period she was seen in a number of Loudon productions including Archie de Bear's withy revue Punch Bowl. In Cacharle, presented to

Cochran's speciacular produc-tion Ever Green at the end of 1930 she enhanced and diversi-

fied the spectacle by her

The second phase of her career began in 1933 when she

appeared in a revival of Noel Coward's comedy Hay Fever in

dancing.

Mr David Patey, MS, FRCS, who died on March 27 at the age of 77, was one of the last of the rapidly dying out generation of general surgeons who lent such lustre to the London teaching hospitals during the between-war era. He was equally well known as a teacher and seldom, if ever, pulled his punches when he felt that current trends in medical education were going awry. Like all good practitioners of cal education were going away.

Like all good practitioners of his art, his surgery was based upon a sound knowledge of surgical pethology. While his surgical scope was wide he acquired a particularly high reputation both at home and overseas in surgery of the breast and of the salivary glands. Indeed, in this latter field he acquired a unique knowledge and his writings on knowledge and his writings on these subjects were recognized as among the most authoriza-tive. Equally characteristic of his clarity of mind and writing was his Introduction to Surgery published in 1958

was his Introduction to Surgery published in 1958.

David Howard Patey was born in October, 1899. He graduated from London University in 1923 with honours in surgery and obstetrics and gynascology and was awarded the University GoM Medal. He proceeded to his MS in 1927. This bulliant academic career was the prelude to an career was the prelude to an

equally, brilliant post graduats career and among the meny awards he received were the Jacksonian Prize of the Royel College of Surgeons of England of which he had become a Fellow in 1924, the Streetfield Scholarship of the Royal College of Physicians of Loudon, and he had also served as a Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons.

His surgical experience was

later and remained there for two years. Her part was that of the foolishly amiable mother of a family which is threatened by

a family which is threatened by a visit from two crashing bores, husband and wife, who had not materialized when the final cuttain fell in spite of the fact that they had given their names to the play. Although nothing much seemed to happen on the stage the audience was kept in a continual roar of laughter. It was in fact an expiring et

was in fact an evening of talk " which depended for its

"talk" which depended for its effect on a kind of unfailing apiness and even exaggeration of the commonplace. Miss Barbour made full use of the opportunities which were offered to her. She was the wife of Mr Richard Bird, well known in the theatre both as an actor and producer, and it was his skill in the latter direction that had

the latter direction that had much to do with the success of

much to do with the success of George and Margaret.

She had much the same kind of part in 1944 in Reginald Beckwith's comedy A Soldier for Christmas. Later performances in Blithe Spirit, in Hanvey, and in The Happiest Days of Your Life gave her further chances to demonstrate her versatility and she brought a deficand confident touch into every

and confident touch into every part she played. She had been seen in a number of films.

His surgical experience was acquired at a wide range of London hospitals including the Middlesex Hospital, Sr. Mark's Hospital and St Peter's Hospital and in 1930 he was appointed surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital pital, an appointment he held until his retirement in 1964. During his last eight years there he was director of surgical studies at the Middle. sex Hospital Medical School.

Among the many honours bestowed upon him both at home and overseas were the presidency of the Surgicul Research Society and the Section of Surgery of the Royal Society of Medicine, and honorary Fellowships of the American Surgical Association and the Royal Society of Medicine.

He spent his retirement in Hythe, which gave him full scope for his love of birdwatch-ing.

#### Another two national nature reserves

By Our Planning Reporter Two new national nature reserves and extensions to four others are announced by the Nature Con-Servancy Council.

Both are in North Yorkshire.
Scar Close, at the foot of Ingleborough, in the Yorkshire Dales
National Park, comprises 230
acres of Imestone and moorland,
converting of the Prosupporting a number of rare plants. Force Valley woods, near Scar-

borough, are owned by the borough council, and the object of the management agreement is to ensure survival of the seminatural mixed deciduous woodland The four reserves being The four reserves being extended are The Lizard, Cornwall; Pawsey Downs, Wilshire; Swale, on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent; and Kingley Vale, Sussex.

#### £160,000 aid for Scots buildings

Grauts to improve outstanding buildings in Scotland rose from £13,300 in 1974-75 to £160,000 in 1975-76, the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland reported yesterday. Schemes to benefit included the

west Glasgow conservation area, and the restoration of houses in New Lauerk for owner-occupation.

#### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr R. A. Farquharson to be Ambassador to Yugoslavia in June, in succession to Sir Dugald Stewart, who retires next month. Major-General R. B. Loudon to be executive director of the Mental Health Foundation.

Mr Peter Hemmings, general administrator of Scottish Opera, to

be general manager of the Austra-lian Opera in the autumn. Sir Edward Goschen to be a com-missioner and Mr Peter Shepheard to be artistic adviser of the Commonwealth War Graves Commis

Legal

Professor I. G. Stewart and Mr G. R. Gay to be part-time members of the Restrictive Practices Court.

#### Memorial services

The Most Rev J. Luwum The Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the blessing, the Archpronounced the blessing, the Archbishop of York was present and
the Speaker was represented by
Brigadier Sir Noel Short at a
memorial service for the Most Rev
Janani Luwum, Archbishop of
Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and
Boga-Zaire, held in Wesminster
Abbey yesterday. The Dean of
Wesminster officiated, assisted by
the Rev Roger Job, the Archdeacon of Wesminster, and Mgr
F. J. Bardett (also representing beacon of westminster, and Mgr F. J. Bardett (also representing Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster). The Rev Harry Morton (Secretary of the British Council of Church) and the Right Rev J. K. Russell read the lessons, and the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich gave an address.

and Ipswich gave an address.

Among others present were:

Mr Ben Obelle (son) the High Commissioner for the Bahanas and Lady
Bray man and Lady
Libria, the
Austrian Ambassador of Liberia, the
Austrian Ambassador, the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and Mrs Mendis, and other members of the Diplomatic Corns; the Apostotic Delegaia,
Earl Si Aldwyn (representing the
Leader of the Opposition in the House of
Lords), the Earl of March and Kharura
(representing Board fur Mussion and
Unity), Viscount Boyd of Muston the
Sishons of London. Birmingham, Brisloi, Carliste. Durby, Galioford, Lawes
frepresenting the Bishop of
Chilchester), Martiord (representing the

#### **Foday's engagements**

Oueen Elizabeth the Queen Mother lays foundation-stone of St Saviour's Priory, Hoggerston, east London, 3.30; later receives delegates to United Kingdom and Mediterradean Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Clarence House, 6.30. Princess Margarer attends silver jubilee fashion show organized by Fashion Promotions, Hotel Inter-Continental, 12; visits London Designer Collections' Exhibition, Inn on the Park, 2.45.

Princess Alexandra visits St Anthony's Hospital, North Cheam, 2.45. Exhibition of Great Britain stamps and postal history, Gibbons Gallery, 399 Strand, 9.30-4.30 (final

Gallery talk: Byron and Shelley, the Scrope Davies trunk find, British Library Reference Divi-sion, Bioomsbury, 1.15 (final

# re-election.

# Science report

# Zoology: Moths with a colour problem

Industrial melanism is the name given to a well known piece of seems to have required a change in industrial evolution by some species of moth. That evolutionary ment melanish to darken the moths yere camouflaged against the sooty tree tranks of industrial Engineers will presumably have sooty tree tranks of industrial Engineers will presumably have evolutionary problem, its original pale colouration. further evolutionary problem, which it now seems they have not

difficulty is to choose a tree The difficulty is to choose a tree truck with a colour appropriate to that of the moth's wings, the choice is literally vital to the moths, which are night-flying species that spend their days motionless on tree gunks. Pale moths on dark trucks, and dark moths on dark trucks, are very quickly devoured by predators.

Both pale and melanic moths belong to the same species; several bare both "trules" and devaled experiments by Dr R. C. belong to the same species: several species have both "typical" and

In that case, moths would be dependent on finding themselves

detailed experiments by Dr R. C.

by chance in an area that gave

Steward, of University College, Cardiff, have shown that in one particular species, the typical moths always choose pale backgrounds but only about half the melanic moths choose dark ones. Dr Steward has worked with two generations of moths so as to try to discern the possible genetic basis for their preferences. So far, his results have given no clear answer, but they suggest that preference is determined by a genethat is separate from the melanic gene though linked to it.

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Journal of Zoology (181, 371 and 395; 1977). @ Nature-Times News Service

# Simon Shaffield Mrs Guerre Pilkingston, Mise Davins Shaffield, Mrs Joccipy 19th, Mrs David Norman. Mr and Mrs Martin Sounds, Mr appears in the Provident Mrs Joccipy 19th Mrs Martin Sounds, Mr and Mrs Martin Sounds, Mr Annaire Willes, Mrs Nigel Baker, the Countest of Stradorska, Mrs Reginald West, Mrs C. Minker, Lady Rodney, Lord and Lady Inchesy the Hon Alisatir and Mrs Hoper Milliag. He had been alisatir and Mrs Hoper Milliag. Lady Rodney, Lord and Lady Milliage of Scarbrough, the Earl and Countest of Scarbrough, the Earl and Countest of Williage, Viscount Ward of Wilter, Viscount Word of Wilter, Viscount Word, The Downses Flowfilliage, the Earl of Scarbrough, the Earl and Countest of Wilton, Viscount Word of Wilton, Viscount Words, The Downses Flowfilliage, the Countest Standard, Lord and Lady Mindelly, Lord Belber, the Rond Richard Willoamby & Greek, Lord and Lady Mindelly the Hon Mrs Whaln, the Hon Mrs Walner, the Hon Mrs Walner, the Hon Mrs Honker, Walson David and Lady Willackins, Mr R. Mousen, Jones Malor, Mr John Bowes, Lord Mr Peter Coston, Princest Mrs Mrs Marker, Mr Hon Mrs Boand Senior, Mr and Mrs Toby Waddington, Mr W. Levitz, Mrs Charles Mills, Mr T. Sergison-Brooke, Mr Tatton Syks, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Str M. R. Mousen, Mr and Mrs W. Mond, Francis Monariel (representing the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles). Lard Geroney-Roberts, Lord Ryers, Lord Etten, M.F. R. Reyands, M.F. Lord Etten, M.F. R. Reyands, M.F. Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the sign adam Butler, M.F. (representing Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the sign adam Butler, M.F. (representing Jenes, M.F. L. L. Layler, M.F. J. R. L. Dayles, M.F. The Provest of the Island Farry), M.F. J. R. L. Dayles, M.P. the Provest of Sheffield, the Rev I. R. B. Mc-Donald (representing Archbishops of Armanh and G. Dublin), the Rev Morgan J. Williams (Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council), Mrs. G. Owen (representing Archbishops of Valer), Father William Burridge (representing The White Pathers), Dr. Martin Allier (representing Church of Rev. M. M. M. Rev. M. R. Asthen (representing Engine) of Church in the Middle Earl the Rev. C. M.H. (representing Archbishop of Canterbury's convectors on foreign relations) and Canon Neach (representing Bible Churchman's Missionary Society). A memorial service for Major E. C. R. Sheffield was held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Andley Street resterday. The Rev John Caskell officiated. Mr Regmald Sheffield (son) read the lesson and the Bishop of Grimsby gave an address. Among those present were: Mrs Steffield (widow), Miss Serves Sheffield (daughter), the Hon Robert and Mrs Hoyer Miller (son-in-law and

#### 25 years ago Latest wills

From The Times of Monday, March 31, 1952

Washington, March 30.—Mr Truman surprised his audience, the experts and indeed the whole country last night when he interpolated near the end of his speech to 5,000 faithful Democrats assembled in the National Guard armount to celebrate Jefferson-Jackson Day 44 words announcing that he would not be a candidate for the procedure when the second of the control of t that he would not be a candidate for the presidency this year. The President had been speaking formearly 25 minutes during which he had castigated the Republican Party in the manner approved for, such gatherings—without, it must be admitted, evoking the hysterical enthusiasm which is the standard response in election years—and had made the usual claims of what the Democratic Party had done for the country while in office when he came to the sentence: "Whoever the Democratic nominee for President may be this year he will have this record to run on.". And then, instead of continuing with his prepared text Mr Truman said: "I shall not be a candidate for re-election.

Leading artists' work left to museums.

Mr John Norman Bryson, a intor in English language and literature, Balliol College, Oxford, 1940-63, left £195,975 net. He left pictures left £195,975 net. He left pictures by leading artists to museums. They include a mimbatre, "Portrait of an unknown young man", by Nicholas Hilliard, to the Victoria and Albert Museum and "Male nude" by Cézame, "Ballerina; jockey; and seated man playing fiddle", by Degas; and "Female nude", by Modiglianl, to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

He also left to the Ashmolean

lianl, to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

He also left to the Ashmolean pictures by D. G. Rossetti, William Morris, Ford Madex Brown, and Burne Jones and other artists.

After other bequests the residue is shared among the Spastics Society, the National Association for Mental Health, Belfast Council of Social Welfare, the National Art-Collections Fund.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):

Barnes, Mir Florence, of Lytham St Annes 221,035

Bourne, Mir Harry Raiph, of Nether Wailop 221,035

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Rother Wailop 221,035

#### Booker Prize judges

BOOKET TAIZE JUIUSES

The judges for this year's £5,000 Booker Prize for Extion are amounced today. The chairman is to be Philip Larkin, the poet and novelist, winner of the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 1965 and editor of The Oxford Book of Twensieth Century English Verse. The other judges are Beryl Baimbridge, author of The Dressnaker and The Bottle Pactury Outing, and David Hughes, novelist and editor of the New Yorker and Robin Ray, the broadcaster. The judges will select a short-list of between three and six novels in October. The winner will be amounted on Movember 23.

## **Lord Harris can leave** his home to the nation

Lord Harris, who is 87, of Belmont, Kent, was given leave by
Mr Justice Brightman is the High
Court yesterday to fulfil his Hislong ambition, to leave his stately Mr Justice Brightman is the High Court yesterday to fulfil his Hfo-long ambition, to leave his starely home, Belmout Park, near Faver-tium, for posterity as part of the heritage of Britain.

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The judge held that he could do so after a protracted hearing in private during which trustees Lord Harris has appointed to handle his affairs sought permission to alter the terms of the trust.

The judge said that on March 23, 1966, Lord Harris made a sentlement and a discretionary trust for the benefit of his family. The Belmont estate comprised a mantion house built in 1780. It contained valuable heirlooms. Lord Harris and his son, Cap-tain George Harris, aged 57, were now auxious that the Belmont estate should be preserved for the nation. But there were two difficulties; the expense of main-taining such a large house and,

#### Working class supplies third of professionals

Of professionals

By a Staff Reporter

Managerial and professional jobs

are more open to working-class

people than is commonly believed,

according to a national survey of

social mobility. The findings were
reported to the annual meeting in

Sheffield yesterday of the Eritish

Sociological Association.

It said sous of professional men

had often slipped down the social

scale in the past three generations.

The middle class had no "dynastic
security" of the kind enjoyed by

Brinin's social elite, the owners

of capital, senior civil servants,

directors, hishops and generals.

Research for the survey was conducted by a team at Aberdeen

University and curroborated by

parallel work in England at Nuffield College, Oxford, it showed

that about a third of professionals

and managers were recruited from

the working class.

# National Trust to take over the responsibility, but it had demurred, the judge said. Lord Harris and his son now proposed to set up their own charitable trust to maintain the stately home that they then the stately home. but, since the trustees were bound by the terms of the settlement, the Court's approval was neces-

hility.
Lord Harris had asked the

Giving his consent, the judge said: "It seems that the primary object is not to preserve Beimont as a home for persons who are beneficiaries under the settlement but to preserve it for posterity as part of the heritage of this country. It was the fulfilment of an aim that both Lord Harris and Captain Harris were auxious to achieve. Among the heirtooms at Belmont is a collection of more than 200 clocks.

#### Forest owners to get £1.75m tax concessions

By Our Agricultural Corresponden Concessions to forest owners that will cost more than £1.75m by 1981 were announced by the wan cost more man 1.1./2m by 1981 were announced by the Government yesterday. They came after a study of the ladustry by an interdepartmental working party chaired by a Treasury official.

Mr Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury said in a Com-

Mr Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury, said in a Commons written reply that the dedication condition for capital transfer tax relief under schedule mine of the Finance Act, 1975, would be dropped.

That concession was considered essential by private woodland owners. Mr Davies and a new planting scheme would be introduced to encourage growth of broadleaf areas in the lowlands. "I hope the arrangements I have amounced will restore confidence", he added.

#### **Lord Rothermere to sell** Daylesford House estate

By Our Estates Correspondent By Our Estates Correspondent
Lord and Lady Rothermere are in
sell Daylesford House and its
estate of 492 acres, near Chipping
Norton, on the borders of
Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.
Offers of between £750,000 and
film are being asked through
Knight, Frank and Runley, the
Loodou agents. The house, which
has a guarde two listing, was built
between 1790 and 1796 to a design
by Sanuel Pepps Cockerell for by Samuel Pepys Cockerell for Warren Hastings, whose home it was for the hast thirty years of his life, including the seven-year

#### Wild peony rescue Seeds from Britain's only re-

coarded surviving wild peony, on the inland of Steep Holm, in the Bristol Channel, have been gerninated in a Lome Regis garden. They will be transplanted to the island to ensure the survival of

period of his trial for impeachperiod of his trial for impeachment.

It was bought by Lord Rothermere in 1946 in a rundown state after use by the Army. There are five reception rooms, a cinema, heliard room, seven main bedrooms, two dressing rooms and eight bathrooms, all en mate, with extensive staff quarters and a six-pedroom annexe. The estate includes a stud farm with 56 acres of railed paddocks, a home farm of 309 acres, 13 cottages, three lodges and a village hall.

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#### Exmoor land study

An independent study into land use on Eumoor was announced yesterday by Mr Howell, Minister of State for the Environment. Farmers and conservationsiss have been in conflict over the ploughing up of acres of the national park, and the announcement is in response to a request for a study from the Eumoor park committee.

# PATRIARCH JUSTINIAN

With the death on March 26 of Petriarch Justineau, at the age of 76, the Romanian Orthodox Church has lost a humble priest, a pastorel bishop, and a shrewd leader, who skilfully guided his church for nearly 28 vears.

Born in 1901, he completed his studies at the Theological Faculty in Bucharest. In 1924 he was ordsined priest, and worked in a parish until he was appointed to the staff of the theological seminary at Rimnica Vilces, of which he finally became Director, In 1945 he became Assistant Bistrop in the Archdiocese of Iasi, and two years later was unde Metro-politan of Moldavia and Suceava. In 1948 he was elected Archbishop of Burharest, Metropolitan of Ungro-Vlahia, and Patriarch of the Romanian

Orthodox Church.
He had the daunting responhe had the daunting responsibility of guiding and guarding the church during the early years of the new People's Republic, and the satisfaction of seeing it emerge in the course of the 1960s as one of the strongest churches in Eastern Europe. Closely bound up with the national life and conscious-ness of the Romanian people,

the Orthodox Church is an Important metitution in modern Romania, taciffy recognized as such by the government of the Socialist Republic. Under his leadership, the

church was reorganized inter-nally, and developed an impras-sive network of relationships with churches abroad. Contacts with Reformed, Anglican and, more recently, Roman Catholic chattches were appropried at all churches were encouraged at all levels, and the Patriarch paid a number of visits sproad, as well as welcoming church leaders from other countries in leaders from other countries in Romania. Pravicularly closs links were forged with the Anglican Church. Archivishop Michael Ramsey visited Romania in 1965, when he awarded Patriarch Justinian the Lambeth Cross for his work for Christian unity. In 1966 the Patriarch paid a return visit to Lambeth. One of his last acts was to preside in January over the conferment of homorary docthe conferment of honorary doc-torates on several distinguished non-Orthodox churchmen from abroad. To Patriarch Justinian must be given much of the credit for the present vitality of the Romanian Orthodox Church, and its readiness to par-ticipate so fully in the ecument-

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#### MR ROBIN FEDDEN

Lord Antrim writes: Robin Fedden was a scholar, poet and writer, who had used his gifts in the past 27 years to protect and bring to life the long catalogue of houses and other buildings which had become the property of the National Trust. He alone of those who worked for the National Trust combined the knowledge, the taste and understanding of the life of those who built and furnished those buildings that the National Trust has believed worthy of trustation. protection. In fact in many cases it was Robin's opinion on the merits of particular houses which swayed the final decisions taken by the trust.

Appear from sarly years in Apart from early years in France and England he also spent many years in the Levant, so that his lively and retentive mind was stocked with the accumulation of three civilizations. He loved all that was beautiful and had quality with the exception of music which had no real appeal to him.

some miracle persuaded to be responsible for the buildings that flooded into its possession since 1950. Knole, Petworth, The Vyne, Saltram, Hardwick, Sudbury, Clandon, Uppark, Ickworth, the list goes on and on, and it was Robin's knowledge and taste that has given new life to these houses for the discriminating

Very briefly that was the man whom the National Trust by

and the towaist to understand and enjoy.

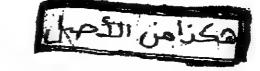
Inevitably, benefactors were at times wounded by the changes made to their old homes, but Robin's tact and the trouble he took to explain why he believed alterations had to be made, had the effect that in nearly every case he finished the argument by becoming a lifelong friend of his opponent. For myself, I spent many completely happy days helping Robin to after the houses that have come to the trust. I now have come to the trust. I now wish they had been twice as

#### MR NUNNALLY JOHNSON

Mr Numally Johnson, the finded to write himself. These lollywood screenwriter, producer and director, died on March 25 at the age of 79. He Rommel, Desart Fox (1951). He started life as a journalist and arer had considerable success is a writer of short stories. In films and among the productions of this third period were and sent or its modules a wide. Hollywood screenwriter, producer and director, died on March 25 at the age of 79. He started life as a journalist and later had considerable success as a writer of short stories. In 1933 he became a screenwriter and went on to produce a wide and went on to produce a wide range of scripts, among which were The House of Rothschild (1934), Jesse James (1939), The Grapes of Wrath (1940) and Tobacco Road (1941). Later he produced his own films which, however, he con-

Night People (1954), The Three Faces of Eve (1957) and The Man Who Understood Women (1959). At the end of this period he continued to write and produce films in Holly-wood.





# Herr Issyvoo in his element

Christopher and his Kind By Christopher Isherwood ·

(Eyre Methuen, £4.95)

"This phrase, I am a camera", writes Christopher Isherwood of John van Druten's play during the course of the fluent, mischievous and immensely entertaining striptease called Christopher and his Kind

himself as one of those eternal outsiders who watch the passing parade of life lukewarm blooded-in, with wistful impotence. From in, with visiful impotence. From that time on, whenever he published a book, there would always be some critic who would quote it, praising Mr Isherwood for his sharp eye but blaming him for not daring to get, out of his focal depth and become humanly involved with his sitters.

The new autobiography of his life in the Thirties, his best book for some years, sets out to challenge this received view of his excessive detachment by showing Isherwood's life for the first time in the element which has most commanded its emotions, loyalty and commitment; his homosexuality. The fabled availability of boys and the protection of an exciting new language were his chief reasons for quitting England and going to Berlin in the first place, in 1929, and homosexuality was the defiant fortress inside which he fought reballious campaigns at home. the first nime in the element rebellious campaigns at home.
"Girls", he writes here, paraphrasing his thoughts at that

are what the State and the Church and the Low and the Press and the medical profession endorse, and command me to desire. My mother endorses them too. . . If boys didn't exist, I should have to invent them.

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Auden, whose own homosexuality was of a quieter, less religio-political kind, pounced on that last admission more than once and teasingly accused Christopher of being a repressed heterosexual. In a very funny poem, he also compared him to a cross between a cavalry major and a prim landledy and once described him as. "the cruellest and most unscrupulous person he had ever met's. Christopher rather liked that

For none of his close friends did he feel such awe as for Auden, and any remark in which he is the centre of attention absorbed him then as now: his whole book admits it. When others tire of talking about him, he takes over the discussion himself. He is far from being the only Narcissus in what can be seen increasingly as an ex-ceptionally self-conscious generation, but he is one of the most unusual: since he invariably deplores what he sees in the water there is never the slightest danger that this Narcissus will overbalance and crash in. Quite the reverse : his toes are too firmly dug into the earth behind him, waiting for the next picture in the pool.

 All right- the reader concedes, you were not a camera—at this stage, the quest for Isherwood's identity between 1929 and 1939 becomes like a radio quiz game—so what were you? A coward, a mischiefmaker, a climber and a fake, comes the enthusiastic reply. There is no character-defect or piece of double-dealing to which, once suggested, he will not lay eager claim. Most in-sistently of all, he was a "dis-honest" writer, for suppressing his homosexuality in the stories about Berlin.

Here at least the reader may feel he knows better. Certainly, two of the early English books
—All the Conspirators (1928)
and Lions and Shadows (1938)—
would make much better sense if the protagonist's sexual idenrity had been acknowledged, but its relevance to the indes-tructibility of Mr Norris Changes Trains (1935) and

Goodbye to Berlin (1939) is Isherwood attempted of his absolutely nil Indeed the greatest pre-war love. self-effacement and opacity of the narrator's person-ality are a vital part of their character. "William Bradshaw" and Herr Issyvoo offer not so much a camera or a mirror as both contains, and allows us to perceive, immortals like Arthur Ngrris, Saily Bowles and Fraulein Schroeder with perfect simplicity and brilliance. The spell cast by the device of Christoph's delicate detachability dazzles and holds to this

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The least successful sections of Christopher and his Kind are therefore those in which, like a repentant revisionist before a creative writing class, Isherwood identifies his earlier "evasions" of the truth. It couldn't matter less: both fiction and fact survives both bare a realist polytopic. vive; both have a reality, neither enjoys moral superiority, any more than Forster's homosexual novel Maurice, though "inferior as an artwork" to Howards End and the rest, it their superior as Isberwood claims, because of as isperwood claims, because of "its purer passion, its franker declaration of its author's fairle. It is arguable, in any case, that the passion and the faith are declared more purely, if with cautious brevity in The Lancest Journey. Longest Journey.

"The book I am now going "The book I am now going to write", he says, contrasting Christopher with his account of the Twenties, Lions and Shadows, "will be as frank and factual as I can make it." How frank and factual is that? The most culpable evasions of his own homosexuality (if culpable they he) occur in two of his they be), occur in two of his middle-period novels: The World in the Evening (1952) where they wreck the book beyond repair (it is his only compleee failure) and in Down There on a Visit (1962) where his elaborate coyness over the narrator's feelings for the boy Waldemar looks shabby now we can see that "Waldemar" is

Visit—overpraised when it first came out (critics were always expecting Isherwood to write The Great Homosexual Novel) much a camera or a mirror as but now unjustly neglected— a glass globe whose translucency offers a far apter text than the Berlin stories for Isherwood's

guilt to work on; but of Down
There he writes hardly at all,
and over The World in
the Evening he suffers to fall
veils of total oblivion. That
is what makes Christopher and
his Kind a striptease on chosen
ground. Strip he does—with energy, elegance and wit-but he teases, too.

I have concentrated on aspects of the book which I think matter most to Isherwood and which led him to write it after so long. Because they are fudged I think they will be forgotten in time and Christopher who its rules are the second.

take its place as the memoir of one man's personal Thirries, for as a whole it is very lively

Unlike Christopher, who felt indecent until he was darkly sunburned, Wystan had no use for the beath and the sea. His white-skinned body, when exposed, became painfully pink. He preferred rainy weather. During much of the day, he shut himself up in his bedroom with the blinds pulled down, ignored the summer and wrote. I suppose he was working on The Orasors.

For the comic and tempera-mental vicissitudes of Isherwood's friendship with Spender alone the book is worth reading —mutual mischief and provo-cation fairly fizzing away—and save when the novelist turns critic of his own work, there is never a dull moment from beginning to end. As a mem-orist of others—Gerald Hamil-ton, Berthold Vierrel, John and Beatrix Lehmann, Forster and many more—Isherwood is affectionate if dry and his prose, always clearer than his thinking, remains a joy.

Michael Ratcliffe



Woofy and his trainer, from The Instant it Happened, a marvellous collection of news photographs assembled by Associated Press from their files—some ghastly, some moving, but all memorable (Abrams/New English Library, £13.50).

# Men for times of secular despair

A Third Testament By Malcolm Muggeridge (Collins/BBC, £4.95)

In introducing six scripts which comprised a series of Television programmes given first in Canada and later here on BBC2, Malcolm Muggeridge makes an interesting admis-sion. He had chosen six characters for presentation in the series: Augustine of the series: Augustine of Hippo, Blaise Pascal, William Blake, Søren Kierkegaard, Leo Tolstoy, and Dietrich Bon-Tolstoy, and Dietrich Bon-hoeffer. Only afterwards when the television series had been completed, did he understand fully the continuing theme to which these characters all belonged.

Considering them as a group, it became clear to me that, although they were all quintessentially men of their time, they had a special role in common, which was none other than to relate their time to eternity.

They were all in fact bearers of the covenant which bridges the gulf between "the changes and chances of this fleeting world and the substantial, abiding resility which lies behind, beyond and within the flux of things. Precisely because they were so much men of their time, living in an age when the secular world earth.

was going through a crisis of A man may be known by the disintegration, they served as company he keeps. It is clear God's stay-behind agents to from this book that Malcolm ensure that amid the collapse Muggeridge has been much in

of the eternal covenant would

remain, The unity of this exciting book certainly lies there, in the strange role of the characters, individually a mot-ley collection, yet all shaping a distinctive line of thought which influenced the religious life of succeeding generations.
Perhaps the odd man out is

Dieurich Bonhoeffer; at least, it is too early yet to assert that he is a determining force in the way the Christian religion is developing. But it is cerothers bequeathed an ers spiri-tualis to those who were to live through times of social disruption and secular despair. Malcolm Muggeridge often incurs the criticism of being an anti-intellectual, of seeming to dismiss academic learning

and scientific knowledge with scant respect. In these six bril-liant studies he makes his atti-tude much easier to understand. In fact, it is really that of Paul, when he talks of God meking foolish the wisdom of this world. All the six cherac-ters in this selection have in ters in this selection have in common a profound distrust of intellect per se. "The heart has its reasons which are traknown to reason." Pascal's saying is the motif of Augustine's thought no less than Klerksgaard's or Blake's or Tolstoy's. None of them could be despise. None of them could be despis ed intellectually. On the conrrery, their intellectual force made them presminent among their contemporaries. But in the order of intellect, imagina-tion and will, for them imaginction was paramount, since upon it depend men's vision of eternal reality, and therefore the qualky of his life upon

earth. of the old order the revelation an . uncomfortable company, none of whom is likely to encourage an easy conformity with this world. Characteristically, the writing is done with intelligence, wat, and a passionate intensity. A spiritually restless, disturbing book throughout and, for that reason, a book for our times.

Joseph McCulloch | musician un ne anen a

# On the make

Blind Ambition The White House Years By John Dean

(Simon & Schuster/WHS Distributors, £4.95) John Dean's ambition was not tle that was not already known, blind, but always cool and calbut much of it is compulsive culating. He knew what he was doing from the very beginning when he performed the first audits of assumed enemies to questionable act with the enrhusiusm of an amoral young man on the make. He had no excuse. He was after all a lawyer, but he willingly partici-pared in the Watergate con-spiracy until it became a ques-tion of Nixon's neck or his, and as the world knows he saved his own.

It is not a pretty story, and some Americans have read into some Americans have read into it an indictment against the American rat race, which is perhaps excusable. Dean, with his down-east good looks and discreetly casual clothes, and his wife's wide-eyed Californian innocence which not even a San Francisco earthquake could disturb, personifies much that is both admirable and suspect.
Dean's story is not, however,

an indictment against the American system. Ambirious men everywhere, on both sides of the iron curtain and the equator, have too often decided that the end justifies the means when their own advancement is at stake. There might be a moral in this book, but it is a universal one.

The book succeeds because it takes the reader into Nixon's White House. Woodward and Bernstein's reportage and reconstructions were brilliant, but Dean saw it all from the inside and when it was happen-ing. He was covering up what the young reporters were try-ing to reveal. He was also closer to the seat of power,

By Derek Jewell

Music is My Mistress

Duke Ellington was one of the

great masters of twentieth century music. In any other

give his music a unique inter-pretation and on having the gramophone at hand to pre-serve what they played. A

challenge to anyone daring to explain his greamess, made worse by Ellington's refusal to talk about his music; if you

used to say, you may find out what makes the flower tick but

you don't have a flower left

So Derek Jewell has made a

wise decision not to attempt the grand definition, but instead

deliver an informal biography, with the music, the players, the

family, the women (the per-sonnel of Duke's love life is

almost as complex as that of

his orchestra) drifting in and out of focus through the good

times and the bad. Until now we have had to make do with

unhelpful generalizations about

Duke's life and work: he burst

into Europe at the London Palladium in 1933, the orchestra was the instrument he played on, he couldn't write for a musician till he knew how that

pick the petals off a flower

By Duke Ellington

(Elm Tree, £5.50)

(Quartet, £3.95)

Unopened rooms

and its corrosive corruption. than any other Watergate author, and his testimony before the Ervin committee proved that he had a photo-

graphic memory.

Blind Ambition contains lit-

using Secret Service agents to

drive him to cover-up meet-

ings, was an everyday event. One wonders what Lord Acton would have made of it. The portrait of Nixon fascinating if only because it confirms the impressions of outsiders. I could never persuade myself that Nixon was real. Even sitting a few feet from him I suspected that he was pur together by mirrors. Dean's. Nixon is a similarly shadowy figure, inarticulate and defensive, whose proudest memory was of how he destroyed Alger Hiss.

For all the universality of ambition and corruption, the book does raise questions about the White House system. The founding fathers knew that the flesh was weak, and separated powers and devised checks and balances to contain it, but there are no such safe-guards in the White House except the rectitude of its occupants.

Dean reminds us of the wis Dean reminds us of the wis-dom of the Constitution which does not assume that man is good, but President Carter believes that he is. Fortuna-tely, he also believes in open government which could check ambition and minimize its corruption. It is ironic that Dean now dabbles in journalism, and with his experience should be as good a poacher as he was a

Louis Heren

# Relishing the printed book

William Caxton By George D. Painter (Chatto & Windus, £8)

As we saw in a multitude of commemorations last year, the demands made by Caxion on his biographers are formidable. His career as Merchant Adventurer and diplomat call for the investigation of complicated, and often incomplete, records of late medieval trade and politics; his work as writer and marathon translator (perhaps a couple of million words in 20 years) require explored areas of language, studies; and his activities as publishing entrepreneur demand knowledge of the now very sophisticated science of fifteenth century bibliography. No help from any of these diverse sources can be neglected, for they all direct attention to a life lived all of a piece, where the master-printer stands in a natural relationship to the mercer and the Governor of the English Nation at

**Fiction** 

Translated by David Le Vay with

The last page of Flight Without End finds its hero—"thirty-two years of age, healthy and

vigorous, a strong young man of diverse raients — adrift in Paris " without any idea what to

do. He had no occupation, no desire, no ambirion and pot

even any self-love. No one in

the world was as superfluous as he"; and Joseph Roth's

short, schematic novel-first

published in German in 1927,

and only now evailable in English—revolves around the

familiar figure of the man who inevitably finds himself dissatis-fied with and estranged from

whatever society he happens to

Franz Tunda, an Austro-Hun-

garian prisoner of war, is dragooned into the Red Army,

with messianic ardour: yet once

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By Joseph Roth

(Peter Owen; £4.25)

the excitement dies down. "the

living went away and serried down again in their offices, wrote records and statistics,

enrolment forms for new mem-

bers and edicts against the ex-communicated. Disillusioned with the Revolution, he decides

to return to unreformed Europe, which also behind glass, as old and precious tapestries lie to a museum, hovering on the brink of disintegration.

Tunda's subsequent adven-tures in Vienna, the Rhineland, Berlin and Paris make him realize that he is doomed to

perpetual disappointment. He is

only too aware of the injustices of the established order (and

Roth conjures up the stuffy yet ruthless world of the haute bour-

geoisie wonderfully well): he finds the hedonism of the bright

young things and the hypocrisy of well-heeled revolutionaries

as distasteful as the bureau-cratic, informer-ridden society he had left behind in Russia.

Renuion, by Fred Uhlman (Collins/Harvill, £2.50). Set in Germany in the early 1930s; Fred Uhlman's elegiac

novella describes the intense, inevitably doomed friendship of

two adolescent schoolboys—one Jewish, the other a scion of one of Germany's most revered

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Caxton's motives and methods than previous biographers. His discussion of "the momentous and mysterious" period when Caxton translated the Recuyell of the Histories of Troy and then learned to print at Cologne, and his long and thorough delineation of Caxton's publishing in England are illuminating pieces of reconstruction which show bet-ter then enything so far how Caxton applied the skills of the merchant to those of his new trade of printing.

could come as a salutary shock

a moving and deeply respectful tribute to the magnificent achievement of the early printers. In his praise of

found at the exhibition " Goodly Pryntyng"

affairs, he does not bring us into living touch with the man as Mr Painter does.

script, printed, and no doubt recognition of Caxton's own just opened at Hatfield House and photocopied too-but while he love of a joke encourages him which runs until October 7.

Furthermore, Mr Painter is so far intimate with his materiel that he allows himself a

families. It's a melancholy, care-

fully written tale—originally published in 1971 by Miron Grindea's Adam—and the lush Swabian countryside is longingly evoked: but there's some-

thing a shade too mannered and too predictable about it—apart, that is, from the very effective final twist of the plot.

Gutenberg, say, or in his reference to "the supernatural ence to "the supernatural power of great literature in a first printing" he reveals how far historical and bibliographical below can serve the humanist ideal. Here is no research for research's sake, but research which confirms and extends the justness of our affection for a man who, so long ago, also relished the printed book.

Brian Alderson

year's Caxton celebrations can be (Closed Good Friday and all Mon-

Paperbacks on Saturday will include Ned Chaillet on the novels of Saul Bellow; Brian Alderson on Richmal Crompton's Just William stories; John Naughton on Laurens Van Der Post; Jacky Gillott on Working Women; Laurie Taylor on Aldons Huxley; Trevor Fishlock on How Green Was My Valley and after.

thesis from so much difficult and elusive evidence George disappear behind a host of Painter amply justifies his publisher's claim that his vivid biography is the first comprehensive study of Carton's life and work for many years". For although Professor Norman Blake has, in his recent books Caxton and his World (Deutsch) and Caxton: England's first publisher. England's first publisher (Osprey), provided a good modern summary of why we may, or may not, value Caxton's contribution to our

One reason for this lies in foreys into will only partially Mr Painter's decision to write a continuous and penetrating biography of his subject, rather than to adopt the disengaged, analytical approach of Professor Blake; another rea-son lies in Mr Painter's masterly handling of evidence. Having, as it were, lived with Caxton for 20 years as curator of the fifteenth century books housed at the British Museum, Mr Painter moves early to our more austere scholars, through a jumble of sources— but is somehow in order for primary and secondary, manu- the book he is writing. His

# buttresses his text throughout to a succession of pleasantries (Closed Good Friday and all In making just suck a syn- with closely detailed argument which give his biography a days except Bank Holidays.)

Th Martian Inca By Ian Watson

an unmanned spacecraft crashes on a remote Bolivian village

conglomerate and the consumer

Here again is Pohl's terrifying

parable about the response-

is himself spiritually consumed.

pleasure.

(Gollance, £3.95) The Demon, by Hubert Selby. The Demon, by Hubert Selby.
(Marion Boyars, £4.95). Equally
predictable is Hubert Selby's
account of a New York whizz
kid's losing battle against
desire and those vague and
undefined feelings of fear, While admiration for the intellectual pyrotechnics in the writer's earlier work has been abounding, this new book conrains a new, near-poetic dimension which makes it the most formidable fiction he has yet anxiety and impending doom.". Harry White cannot keep his written, and also one of the most compulsive. Even though hands off the ladies and devotes most of his lunch hours to hot he is still apt to swerve into discussion, albeit engrossing, of semantics, it is written with a pursuit, jeopardising his career in the process. Marriage puts him right for a time, but before long his self-destructive urges are hard at work again.
Adultery leads to robbery and
—inevitably—murder, culminaring in St Patrick's Cathedral on Easter Sunday: like his fin de siècle predecessors, Mr Selby has a theological bent (Harry all there is—including all the contradictions?. The feeling is that Mr Watson revels as much represents "a battleground for the hounds of heaven and the hounds of hell"), and the meloin the contradictions as in the straightforward statements. The story is still organised drama is always in danger of toppling into absurdity. But the in his own singular manner; parallel strands of narrative be-come sequential and then join story unfolds at a nifty pace, the dialogue is brutally vivid, and Mr Selby has a keen eye in a knot of revelation. Here,

Scawsby, by John Drabble (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.50). Set in a small town on the North-east coast, Scawsby weaves together a young solici-tor's involvement with a halfcaste teenager who has made a local girl pregnant with his almost obsessive search for his own and his wife's real parents. Mr Drabble's austere, oldfashioned narrative style is very attractive, but too often the plot itself seems both over-complicated and implausible.

for the scabrous detail.

Nobody's Fault, by Mervyn Jones (Quartet, £4.25). Brian is a blocked poet, Keith a cheerful extrovert pop impresario: Tamsin has been married to both, and can leave neither of them-"like historians, they confronted her with alternative versions of her life" from Cambridge to early middle age. An admirably well-constructed novel, in which very different kinds of London life are meticulously observed.

Jeremy Lewis Keating last Thursday, was Death of an Informer.

manipulated customer, "The Tunnel Under The World" which is nearly equalled by Aun Warren Griffith's "Captive Science fiction Audience ».

Shadrach in the Furnace, by Robert Silverberg (Gollancz, £3.80). With a name like Genghis Mao nobody can be wholly good and you'd be quite right about this one who, as ruler of what is left of mankind after The Virus War, is intent on surviving as a thinking entity in the brain patterns of his personal physician. Mr Silverberg is still tinkering with ideas begun in To Live Again. The Shape Changer, by Keith Laumer (Hale, £3.25). The return of one of the most engaging of the author's heroes. Lafayerte O'Leary, suddenly fervent passion for the unique finding himself in a multitude way each thing is, the separate of continua (ums?). The pellness of all. As one character, mell speed of the writing and puts it, "A Universe is stranger, the way it rushes you along than your betrayer friend with it can make you forgive thought it was, at the end. It's some strange inconsistencies. The Bicentennial Man and Other Stories, by Isaac Asimov (Gollancz, £3.50). Of course, we expect marvels from Dr Asimov who is, himself, a marvel but this collection is really a treat with two of the best stories about robots that even he has written—the title story and "That Thou Art Mindful of Him". The first proposes the idea of a robot sacrificing his immortality to become human, while the second lays down the Three Laws of Humanics.

spilling dust from Mars upon Indians who undergo a Messianic brainstorm. There, another manned spacecraft is about to land on Mars and its Travelling Towards Epsilon, edited by Maxim Jakubowski three-man crew should be warned of the danger; the dust, (New English Library, £4.95). Although Jules Verne was in effect, activates a kind of French we tend to think of that godhead imprisoned within country as being sparse on the ground where SF is concerned. human genes. Mr Watson is one of the few around who is not Not so, as this fascinating, if afraid to use the new sciences uneven, compilation of French of communication as well as the old ones of technology. I read writings show. The introduction puts France into the per-spective of the world science it once for review, twice for fiction scene and is invaluable. Tomorrow Inc., edited by Mar-Nova 4, edited by Harry Harritin Harry Greenberg and Joseph D. Olander (Robson Books, son (Hale, £3.50). The avant-These short stories garde mixture as before-and, £3.75). These short stories about big business in the future therefore, to be swallowed with a gulp of delight—and includgive no comfort at all to today's capitalists. For Big Business read Big Brother in a time ing a superior piece by Barry. Malzberg and an illuminating item of autobiography by Alfred when all is subservient to the

Bester (whom God preserve among the exalted). Tom Hutchinson

The title of W. J. Weatherby's book, reviewed by H. R. F.

# Alma mater

My Oxford Edited and Introduced by Ann. Thwaite

My Cambridge Edited and Introduced Ronald Hayman (Robson Books, each £4.75)

It is always agreeable to record an Oxford victory and even an impartial reader would be forced to conclude that in the contest between these two books (Oxford surprisingly appearing between dark green covers, Cambridge in an unbe-comingly muddy maroon) the Oxford 12 wins by at least six clear chapters.

Cambridge, indeed, are vir-tually scuttled by two of their authors. Simon Gray, who, devoting almost balf his chapter to Westminster, Nova Scotia and Clermont-Ferrand, writes that he has an abiding impression "that something was continuously, undiagnos-ably unpleasant all the time I was there—apart that is, from myself". And Piers Paul Read, who recalls that "when I finally left Cambridge I was glad to go" adding that "its preten-sions amount to fraud—a confidence trick played on the pation and the world". Even their editor, in a markedly pedestrian introduction, tells us "the dons were not very friendly. I was interested to find that so many of the con-tributors to this book had similar negative feelings about them." I, for my part, was in-terested to find that so many of the contributors went on to become dons themselves—eight out of 12 in fact. Perhaps Mr Havman could explain. It

seems odd. In form the two books are identical: an editor's introduction followed by a dozen essays arranged in chronological arranged in chronological order and contributed by writers culled, as far as I can see, at . random. Cambridge open with Sir Nevill Mott, who is comprehensively outwritten by Lord Boothby for Oxford, and end with Arianna Stassino-poulos, who is matched against Oxford's Martin Amis. Four of the Cambridge team were at Trinity, three at St John's and not one from King's. Only three of the Oxford contribu-

were undergraduates at New College or Christ Church though J. I. M. Stewart became a don there and John Mortimer was evacuated to the House after his own college, BNC, was taken over by the War Office. by

the Oxford book (apart from the fact that it is about Oxford) is its affectionate and generous tone, and in terms of entertainment it is in the variety of anecdote that Oxford establishes such a clear superiority. I particularly relished Raymond Massey's description of the best row of his life, at Henley in the dusk, timed by a solitary Rudyard Kipling; Nina Bawden's tea with Richard Burton and argument with Margaret Thatcher; Antonia Fraser's proposition-ing notes ("Dear Miss Paken-ham, I could not help noticing in the Booleian Library yesterday that we share a taste for German mediaeval bishoprics. This encourages me to suppose that we may have other tastes in common.").

What endears me most to

My own Oxford (that of 1962-65—the Tariq Ali years!) is missing from these pages, belonging in the gap between Alan Coren and Martin Amis. Of the two I find Amis's more recognizable though I never shared his petrifying self-discipline, nor his taste for Vesta food. Alas, he does fall into the easy trap of suggest-ing that "Oxford is no longer somewhere with a special focus and a special identity: it is just somewhere that gets passed through by individuals". As the best of these essays demonstrate, time and nostalgia will provide precisely that focus and that identity. Only after a few years can you be absolutely certain which names are worth dropping and which episodes worth repeating. And even then they

improve with age. Meanwhile, this is only the beginning. Next stop, we are promised, is My LSE, then My Drama School and My Medical School. It is a marvellously painless form of publishing. I look forward to My Wormwood Scrubs.

Tim Heald

house; Jewell's book opens up a lot of backstair areas and a few secret cooms, with guided commentary from many of the people who knew him at close quarters. Learning about the backroom quartels, the troubles with money and drunken musi-cians, the insane travelling con-ditions under which he wrote century music. In any other century, it would have been impossible. His status as a great composer, which would remain unchanged if not a written note of his music existed, depended enormously on having his own orchestra to give his music a unique intermany compositions, makes his music more impressive, not less, even if it is sometimes hard to agree with Jewell's musical judgments—he acclaims, for instance, an Albert Hall concert with the LPO which I found mostly embarrassing, and I can-not share his admiration for the larger and more sacred works.

It was like being confined to the public rooms of a great

But there are still unopened rooms. Ellington was a very private person in a very bright spotlight, and even wrote a vast book, Music is My Mistress, in which he gave nothing away. Occasionally you can intercut usefully with Jewell. Jewell. usefully with Jewell. Jewell informs us that the Palladium appearance in 1933 saw Duke way down the bill under Max Miller; Duke reveals that he found it almost impossible to understand what Max Miller was saying. But to the end Duke kept himself secret. He was a poseur with the elegance of a Beau Brummell and the hand-Beau Brummell and the hand carved public façade of a Quentin Crisp; he was also a genius who let his music do his talking for him and thank goodness for the timely invention of the premophone. (Not, incidentally, by Thomas Edison as Jewell thinks on page 21, but exactly a hundred years ago by Charles Cros.) Buy Duke, certainly, but have the music playing when you read it.

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# Supplementary benefit guidelines adopted

Before Sir George Baker, President, and Mr Justice Arnold [Judgment delivered March 29] When the court is making a maintenance order against a husband and is considering his ability to pay, it should have regard to the guidelines issued to the officers of the Supplementary Benefits Commission. The Divisional Court of the Family Division used those guidelines when dismissing a wife's appeal from the variation of a maintenance order by Aylesbury fustices. present marriage.

Mr Gareth Davies for the wife; Miss Patricia Myatt for the hus-

The PRESIDENT said that Lord Reid had said in a lecture in 1971 that judges " must find the middle way which prevents precedent from being our master. . . . We should have regard to common sense, legal principle and public policy in that order." In the present case his Lordship was going to put common sense first. In June, 1976, Aylesbury jus-ices heard the husband's complaint to vary a maintenance order made six months earlier order, made six months earlier by the Bolton district registrar, that he should pay £3 a week for the wife, £5 a week for her daughter and 50p a week for two other children of the family. One of those children was now 16 so the order was £8.50. The ground the husband put forward was change of circumstances and that he was unable to afford the order. The justices reduced the order, which had been registered in the magistrates' court, to £2.50 and made an attachment of earnings order. The wife, who was the hus-

grounds, inter alia, that the justices had erred in law in considering the financial circumstances de novo instead of pro-ceeding on the basis that the registrar's order was correctly made and examining the changed circumstances of the parties, and also in that they had paid too much regard to the husband's claim that the order was unrealistic and putting a strain upon his researt marriage.

present marriage.

The registrar knew that the husband already had to pay an order for £3.50 in favour of his second wife. It seemed that his first wife had passed from the scene. The justices had accepted that the husband, a postman earning £40.34 net a week, had reduced his expenses to a minimum and that his living expenses had risen by £5 or £5 through rises in the cost of living. On the other hand his wages had increased by £6 a week so that there was only a difference of pence in his circumstances before the registrar and before the justices. The wife was living on social security benefit scale rates for himself and family—rent allowance plus one quarter of his net earnings. Any income in excess of that would be regarded as being available to meet the made over to the Supplementary Benefits Commission.

There was a line of authorities from Foster v Foster ([1964] 1 WLR 1155) to McEwan v McEwan ([1972] I WLR 1217) that it was not open to the court on a variation of a maintenance order to fix the amount de novo. Mr Justice Ormrod in Brister v Brister ([1970] 1 WLR 664, 669) had said " that where the court is nas said "that where the court is asked to review an order made upon what subsequently turns out to be a mistaken basis, I do not think it is accurate to say that it is purporting to act as an appellate tribunal; it is exercising its The wife, who was the hus-band's third wife, now appealed

power to vary 'having regard to all the circumstances of the case'.".

The present husbant had not been able to show that when the original order was made a particular item was misunderstood or item was misunderstood or given undue weight by the regis-trar, but there was a mistake in that the registrar decided that he was able to pay £9 a week. His Lordship thought that the hus-band could not pay anything like that amount.

as being available to meet the liable relative's obligation under the Supplementary Benefits Acts, 1955-1973.

Applying those guidelines the Commission would not seek to recover anything from the husband as he would have been allowed to keep £43.64 a week before being asked to contribute to his wife's maintenance. He was only earning £40.34 net.

It had been submitted that to

the original order was made by the registrar and the husband's ability to pay was not considered. The justices had come to the con-clusion that the husband's clusion that the husband's resources were insufficient to meet the order, yet they had made an artachment of earnings order for £2.50. They were not prohibited from making such an order even if it brought the husband below the scale rates of the Commission: Billington v Billington (1974 Fam 24). The court, however, would take the common sense approach and dismiss the appeal.

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Regina v Reed Regina v Reed
Long trials were condemned as an unwarranted and intolerable burden on the administration of justice in the Court of Appeal when they quashed as unsafe and unsatisfactory the conviction of a man who had been tried with five others at the Central Criminal Court in a trial which lasted 75 days, from September 29, 1975, to February 4, 1976. He was convicted on only one of the 23 counts in the indicment, of which 10 counts related to him. He had counts in the indictment, of which 10 counts related to him. He had already served his sentence of two years' imprisonment when his appeal was heard.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the case had involved systematic defrauding of finance houses in a variety of ways. It was difficult to see why it could not have been made in a short indictment of seven or eight counts; if it had been presented to the court

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[Judgment delivered March 28] [Judgment delivered March 28]

The correct measure of damages due to the plaintiff for breach of contract by the defendant who had covenanted to build a brick wall on a plot of land bought from the plaintiff so as to divide it off from the remainder of the plaintiff's land was the cost to the plaintiff's land was the cost to the plaintiff of carrying out the work on his own land.

His Lordship so held in a reserved judgment, on a procedure summons adjourned into court to obtain a decision as to the proper measure of damages Solicitors: Adam Greenhalgh & Co. Bolton; Wilkins & Son, Ayles-

Burden of long trials

in that way it would have been over in two or three weeks.

There had been over 90 dishonest transactions and the Crown had brought evidence of all of them; there were over 100 witnesses and a bill of costs of about 191,000, without the overhead expenses of the court or the cost of the jury. During the trial three jurys were released for personal reasons.

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Jurors should not be expected to give their time for as long as four mouths unless there were exceptional reasons. Long trials also put a heavy burden on judges; in summing-up the judge was reduced to giving thumbnail sketches of the witnesses because the jury could not remember their names. That was most undesirable. Moreover those on the fringe might get sucked down with the weight of evidence against their co-accused, which was what had happened in the present case.

for the non-erection of the divid-ing wall after a judgment which had been entered for the plain-tiff on the admissions of the datt and in the supplementary

Quantification of damages for unbuilt wall

tiff on the admissions of the defence.

Mr J. B. W. McDonnell for the plaintilf, Brigadier Walter Buckley Radford; Mr W. R. Stewart-Smith for the defendant, Mrs F E. D. D. De Froberville; Mr S. J. Sher for the third party, Miss K. Lange.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiff owned a substantial house in Holland Park, London, divided into six flats which were let to tenants holding leases varying between four and six years. A large garden contained an area of about 23ft by 140ft fronting on to the highway. In 1965 the plaintiff obtained planning permission to build a house on that plot and sold it to the defendant for £5,500 on terms that she was going to sold it to the defendant for £5,500 on terms that she was going to build the proposed house on it. In the transfer in 1965, the defendant covenanted, inter alia, to erect forthwith a wall between the two properties, thereafter maintaining it in good repair. Largely owing to the defendant requiring a building of different design, no work had started. The wall was to be erected on the defendant's land and would thus be her wall.

By two supplementary agreements in 1968, the defendant covenanted without qualification to complete the development by covenanted without qualification to complete the development by January 1970. The restriction on sale which had existed and the right of pre-emption in the transfer were abrogated. Yet the defendant did nothing, and in November, 1968, she notified the plaintiff that she had contracted to sell the plot. There was a transfer to Miss Kathryn Lange in January, 1969, at a very considerable advance in price. Miss Lange was registered as proprietor on February 6, and covenanted with the

ants in the transfer to the defendant and in the supplementary
agreements.

The plot was in the bands of a
third party having no direct contractual obligations to the plaintiff. The defendant had disabled
herself from doing what she had
covenanted to do as part of her
consideration for the purchase and
for release of the plaintiff's right
to preemption.

In 1973 the plaintiff issued a
writ against the defendant and in
February, 1975, judgment was
entered for his claim for damages
for the non-erection of the dividing wall on the admissions in the
defendant and Miss Lange as to
the latter's liability to indemnify
the defendant was decided in the
defendant's favour in November,
1975, and Miss Lange was given
leave to appear on the plaintiff's
summons for the assessment of
damages against the defendant. On
the hearing before the master the
issue now before his Lordship had
emerged: what was the correct
measure of damages for the breach
of a covenant to build wholly on
the covenator's land?

Mr McDonnell had submitted
that it was the cost to which the
plaintiff would be put in providing

Mr McDonnell had submitted that it was the cost to which the plaintiff would be put in providing for himself, on his own land, that which as part of the consideration for the transfer of the adjoining land the defendant had undertaken to provide on that land.

Mr Sher, for Miss Lange, the person ultimately affected by an award, submitted that if a contract between A and B for the erection by B of a building on his own land was not performed, A had merely lost the advantage of having a building on the adjoining land.

The wall, if erected, would not have added to the value of the plaintiff's land except in so far as it provided an amenity and served to mark the boundary. Therefore the measure of damages should be the amount by which

Therefore the measure of damages should be the amount by which the value of the plaintiff's land as an investment property was diminished by the absence of that

menty. His Lordship said that the stark difference between the submissions was highlighted by the evidence of cost. The cost of erecting a wall according to specifications at the date of contract was about \$1,200; today it was almost \$3,400. A prefabricated fence would have cost about £320 in 1970; today

cost about £320 in 1970; today about £550.

If Mr Sher was right, what the plaintiff was left with now, after eight years of patient endeavour and four years of exasperated ligigation, was no wall at all, no right to demand one, no control over what was erected slong his boundary, the expense of putting over what was erected along his boundary, the expense of putting up a wall or fance if he wanted one, and nominal damages only. If that was right it produced a result "so strange and so monstronsly unjust that Mr Bumble's animadversion on the nature of the law seems, by contrast, a model of restrained understatement. The

wrongs, not to perpenate injusities."

Mr Sher and Mr Stewart-Smith
had submitted that the court had
to adopt that conclusion by principle and by precedence. As to
principle, the starting point was
the statement by Baron Parke on
tha common law rule on damages
in Robinson v Harman ((1848) 1
Exch 850): "Where a party sustains a loss by reason of a breach
of contract, he is, so far as money
can do it, to be placed in the
same situation, with respect to
damages, as if the contract had
been performed." If the plaintiff
had reserved a right of entry onto
the defendant's land and liberty
to construct the wall himself, with
a covenant from the defendant to
reimburse him the cost doubtless
he could have recovered the cost;
but he trusted the defendant to
do the work herself and extracted
a covenant from her to do it. The supply of the wall was part of the consideration of the transfer, and the plaintiff had paid for the wall in advance because the land was transferred before the work was done. That price could not be

reference to his particular circum-stances, what the plaintiff had lost by the breach of contract. Counsel had submitted that the only appropriate measure was that the wlaintiff should be put into as the plaintiff should be put into as good a financial position as if the good a mancial postuou as if the contract had been performed. That was the effect of the decision in Wigsell v School for Indigent Blind ((1882) 8 OBD 357), where the Divisional Court heard a motion to set aside the verdict of a jury for damages for not building a walk. Mr Sher and Mr Shewart-Smith submitted that the present case was indistinguishable sugart-Smith submitted that the present case was indistinguishable on its facts. However, Mr McDonnell said that there were at least two material distinguishing points; in the present case there was no question of electing for specific performance and in Wigsell the court was persuaded that the plaintiffs had no intention of building the wall themselves.

It seemed to his Lordship that the Wigsell judgment fell to be considered in the light of the submission that the cost of the wall was not an absolute test but merely an element for the juty to consider and the fact that no one thought a wall would be built. But the rule as stated by the continues not the same either in terms or in effect as the rule stated by Baron Parke or Mr Justice Blackburn emmission if in Lock v Furze ((1866) LR 1 CP 441)—that the person injured by the breach was to be placed as far as money could do it in the same position as he would have been if the couract had been fulfilled. That was not necessarily the same as saying that he would be put in as good a financial position.

What was the true ratio decidendi? It seemed to his Lord-

financial position.

What was the true ratio decidendi? It seemed to his Lordship that the Divisional Court, far from seeking to establish an absolute measure in all cases of breach of covenant, had done just the reverse. It had looked to see what the plaintiffs had actually lost and concluded that "in the present case" the only loss which the plaintiffs had suffered was the diminuation in value of their adjoining 20 acres. If the case established such a general principle as contended for by hir Sher and Mr Stewart-Smith om could have expected to find it regularly cited and relied upon but until recently it had received little attention. little attention.

ittle attention.

Furthermore, as a result of information helpfully given by The Law Reports to counsel, it emerged, after the argument had concluded, that the case had been considered at some length by the Vice-Chancellor, in his judgment in Tito v Waddell (No 2) (The Times, December 6, 1976; 1977]

WLR 495). The Vice-Chancellor had rejected the suggestions that the consideration whether or not the plaintiff sued for or was able to sue for specific performance was necessarily decisive, and concluded: "In the end the duration seems to me to come down to a very short point. The cost is a loss if it is known to be a loss."

In the instant case there were three questions: (1): Had the plaintiff a real intention of doing the work? (2) Was it reasonable for the plaintiff to carry out the work on his own land? (3) Did it make any difference that the plaintiff was not personally in occupation of the land but desired to do the work for the benefit of his tanants? Mr McDonnell was prepared to protect the position by a suitable form of undertaining, but his Lordship was entirely satisfied that the or undertaking, but his Lordship was entirely satisfied that the plaintiff wanted the work done and would expend the damages awarded on carrying it out. In his judgment therefore the damages ought to be measured by the cost of the work, there was nothing unreasonable in his wishing to adhere to contract specification; and, whatever his status, the plaintiff had a contractual right to have the work done. Jacksei

the correct date would be date upon which the plair ought reasonably to have brothe case on for hearing. I would be a matter to be domined when the avidence

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# Playground nuisance

Before Mr Justice Griffiths Before Mr Justice Griffiths

The boise from a children's playground was held to constitute a misance when it was used from dawn until dusk by children of all ages. Mr Justice Griffiths awarded Mr William Dunton, owner of Whitfield Hotel, Sandwich Road, Dover, £200 damages and continued an injunction against Dover District Council that the playground should only be opened between 10 am and 6.30 pm to children under 12.

Mr Norman Banks for Mr Dunton; Mr Patrick Hamlin for the council.

In 1975 Dover District Council completed a housing estate at the rear of the hotel on grazing land. About 60 children under 12 lived on the estate. The council wanted to provide a play area for the smaller children as the nearest recreation area was a quarter of a mile away, across a busy road. Unfortunately when the council published plans of the development, Mr Dunton did not see them and he did not realize that it was and he did not realize that it was intended to designate as a play-ground an area immediately ad-

When the playground was opened it was not fenced, nor was there any restriction on the age of the children using it. When a number of children were collected together they often made a great deal of noise, and from time to time there was a fearful row coming from the playground. Not only did Mr and Mrs Dunton have their tranquility disturbed, they also had the amoyance of children trespassing from the playground. Mrs Dunton found ound. Mrs Dunton found so intolerable that she the noise so intolerable that she had had to leave the hotel.

Mr Dunton complained to the council. An amicable agreement was not reached, so he commenced

was not reached, so he commenced an action against the council in October, 1975, for misance and an interim injunction.

The council gave an under-taking, and the playground was closed. Mr Justice Cusack on April 5, 1976, granted an injunction on terms, allowing it to be opened from 12.30 nm until 6.30 pm.

children to play, but parents must realize that Consideration must be given to the comfort of neighbours who derived no advan-

tage from the play area. The council had claim the noise from the playground was not a nuisance. His Lordship was not a nulsance. His Lordship rejected that argument. Be took the view that although everyone had to put up with noise from children, one should not be expected to put up with it from dawn to dusk. When the play area first opened, unrestricted in point of time and age of the children using it, it was a nuisance in law. ance in law.

ance in law.

However, his Lordship was not satisfied that now that its use was restricted it still caused grave aggravation, but it was not intolerable. It was a question of balancing the requirements of the young against the old and his Lordship would amend the injunction to restrict the opening to between 10 am and 6.30 pm and only to children under 12.

The noisance in 1975 had lasted only for a short time, and Mr. Dunton would be awarded £200 damages

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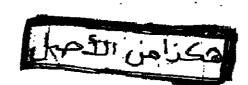
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# by banks lift hopes of cheaper nome loans

y John Whitmore nancial Correspondent

Falling interest rates were iken a stage further yesterday ith leading banks cutting their ase lending rates by one oint to 91 per cent.
The main result of the cut

of the main result of the cut of base rates is that the cost of borrowing to blue chip borrowers will fall to around 101 for cent, while the cost of overtafts will generally come down to a range of 121 to 141 per ent.

with the banks also cutting the rate they pay on smaller eposits (below £10,000) by 11 er cent to 5 per cent, and with he rates available on larger ums offered in the money narkers falling below 94 per ent, the pressure on building cocieties to announce a cut in a res at the April monthly meetng has grown even stronger. The societies' mortgage rate is 121 per cent and their inresument rate is 7.8 per cent let, equivalent to 12 per cent less to the standard rate tax-

This gross equivalent would fall to 11.6 per cent if Mr Healey is able to implement his proposed cuts in the standard rate of income tax, but even this would leave the societies' rotes looking way out of line, Also, a cut in stand-ard rate tax would probably

lead to a cut in the composite tax the societies pay on behalf of investors from the present 272 per cent to around 263 per

Although the Building Societies Association deny that any Whitehall pressure has been brought to bear on them, it did not go unnoticed yesterday that Mr Healey said on television on Tuesday evening that he expected to see a cur in building society rates within the next

The main question remaining for interest rates this week is how the Bank of England decides to handle minimum lending rate. Treasury bill rates yesterday were indicating that under the market related that imder the market related formula for setting MLR—this is now temporarily suspended—the Bank could drop the rate from 10½ to 9½ or 9½ per cent.

The Bank, however, despite the embarrassingly strong demand for sterling in the foreign

mand for sterling in the foreign exchange markets, may not wish to drop MLR by quite so much this week. What remains to be seen is whether the Bank will choose to show its hand-before Friday's weekly bill tender, either by a "signal" to the discount market this afternoon, or even by an nouncing next week's MLR at lunchtime today.

#### Ioan strings Financial Editor, page 21 Rome, March 30 **Budget again boosts**

equities and gilts Equities and gilts went ahead

rear "high"—and many of the onger-dated glits gained up to

Dealers said that second houghts on the Budget had hone nothing to alter the market's generally favourable view. inking personal taxation cuts o incomes restraint is wel-: o this does constitute a back-

ground worry.

But a more immediate inentive is the feeling that the still lower interest rates.

The lower public borrowing requirement acted as an additional spur to interest rates hopes in the gilt-edged market. The demand was insintained for the whole session with longer dates progressively guining ground to end up to £3 ahead with "mediums" adpoints, "Shorts" also met with a strong and sustained buying

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full points.

Although slightly below its best on late profit-taking, the new Treasury 12.25 per cent 1992 speck closed f2.67 ahead at 1992 speck c

one point.

Sterling - surge: The pound closed in London at \$1,7207, its highest level for four months.

The Bank of England was in the market most pf the day and is estimated to have taken in up to \$100m in foreign currency in its attempt to hold down the

further stock of the Budget. Official policy is still to keep the rate as steady as possible to preserve Britain's compatitiveness in oversees markets. Sterling has risen more than 9 per cent against the dollar since the autumn low of \$1.57. This should help to slow down the rate of inflation.

The pound's effective rate was unchanged on the day.

Financial Editor, page 21

#### Cigarette price quandary

cigarette companies yesterday. They may decide to continue he fierce price compension which has been a feature of the past year and absorb part of the Chancellor's 4p a packet increase, or to subsidize some brands at the expense of others.

At the same time there is considerable pressure to get the revised price lists out quickly because under the new European Community tax structure. manufacturers are liable from Monday for the additional tax

Intensive discussions over on all cigarattes invoiced to the new prices to reflect the trade. They do not have the Budget tax increases were customary delay between manutaking place within the big facturing and distribution in which to draw up new trade

prices. Carreras Rothmans कर्तारी Gallaher, the two smaller com-panies are likely to wait until imperial Tobacco, the biggest with more than 60 per cent of all cigarette sales has declared

The final phase of the new tax structure, due to come into effect fully next January, will inevitably mean a reduction in the seven main categories of cigarette on the Ecitish market.

# Interest rate cuts Sir Eric Miller steps down at Peachey

By Our Financial Staff Sir Eric Miller, knighted in Sir Harold Wilson's controversial resignation honours list last year, has stepped down us chairman and managing direc-tor of Peachey Property Corporation because of "unwelcome publicity" affecting himself, his family and the company.

Sir Eric will continue as a director of the residential and commercial property investment and development group, and Lord Mais, former Lord Mayor of London and previously a non-executive director of Peachey, has become group chairman. Mr Stephen Thompson, one of the two remaining directors after the deaths last year of Peachey's two other senior board members, will take over management of the group-In his letter of resignation to the board Sir Eric explains that his decision was "greatly in-fluenced by the flood of un-welcome publicity" over the

It had become increasingly intolerable in the past year and had affected him and his family. He was "concerned in the short and long term " for its effect on the company. Lord Mais said Peachey's



Sir Eric Miller: Intolerable publicity over two



Lord Mais: first task to strengthen the board.

directors had "reservations and regrees" about Sir Eric's decision. They understood his feeling that adverse personal publicity might affect the group, and that "he felt it best to go".

Lord Mais was "pleased that "le Eric wil continue to some

Sir Eric wil continue to serve as a director, and commented that "we need his kowledge very much indeed.". He said be himself would stay as chairman "as long as I am needed". After Sir Eric's

Sir Eric and Peacher have rarely been out of the news in

ecent months. As landlord to Sir Harold Wilson and having longstanding links with Mr Reginald Maudling and his family, Sir Eric has been prominent in political and City gossip columns

Despite consistent denials from the board, repeated by

move and after the death of Lord Mais yesterday. Peachey two senior directors "a first has appeared as a takeover task will be to strengthen the board".

Lord Mais yesterday. Peachey has appeared as a takeover speculation many times in recent years, and its shares have fluctuated sharply as bid or non-bid rumours gained the upper hand in the market. Only last week Sir Eric bad to make a statement quashing rumours that he had been arrested in Holland and that he had sold his 504,000 shares in

the group.

A "bear raid" on the shares

understood to have been managed by dealers who were also involved in earlier efforts to boost the shares on bid speculation, forced the shares down 14p to 23p at one point. Peachey, which is tradition-ally extremely late in publish-

ing annual results, yesterday reported pre-tax profits 14 per cent down at £846,000 for the year to June 24, 1976. Pre-tax profits have been reduced by a £282,000 provision made against the full amount of a possible bad debt which the group is taking legal action to

The group has also made provision against possible losses on its two development schemes in France and has decided against capitalizing interest on another project.

These changes in accounting profits by a total of £630,000. Despite the additional provisions, Lord Mais comments that Peachey "has no finanical problems" and that on the basis of a March, 1975 valuation edjusted for purchases and sales since then, net assets per share are in excess of £1.

No final dividend is pro-posed. The shares closed in up at 321p on the results and news of Sir Eric's move.

# £40m slice of Brompton Road up for auction

Capital & Counties Property Company is to sell its £40m Knightsbridge estate in one of the most important property disposals for several years. The estate includes some of the most fashionable shopping property

provisions and sales of proper-ties throughout the world.

a multistorey car park and four hotels. It includes the whole length of the Brompton Road between Sloane Street and Har-rods, the west side of Sloane Street from Knightsbridge to the Chelsea Hotel and the Scotch House Island site, as well os Basil Street running parallel

date back to its development by Mr Marler's grandfather, Mr Sydney Marler, at the turn of

The present £1.9m rent roll excludes important reversions due to fall in within the next

The Knightsbridge auction follows news that CCPC is to sell all or part of its interest in the £22m Victoria Centre shopping centre in Nottingham, which Mr Marler describes sy the group's "next best investment" after Knightsbridge.

Discussions are under way for the sale of the centre, and Mr Marier believes that the that the presently unspecified liabilities will be assumed by the Ministry of Defence as the new ment properties". CCPC's shares rose 11p to 16p on news

# Italy unions accept IMF

From Patricia Clough

Three main Italian trade union federations today accepted government compromise proposals to curb rising labour costs and removed the last obstacles to a \$530m (about £312m) loan from the Interna-tional Monetary Fund. The agreement also opens the

way to possible further IMF credit and a European Community loan. The IMF loan had been made conditional on alterations to the wage indexation system, a major factor in Italy's continuing inflation, by which pay increases automatic-ally as the cost of living rises.

The compromise included adjustments to the way transport and electricity costs and newspaper prices will be calcu-lated in the "basket" of assen-tial items on which the cost of living index is based.

in its attempt to hold down the rate.

The demand for the pound was widespread as dealers took further stock of the Budget.

Official policy is still to keep on the cost of living index. The unions have, however, stready agreed to keep current wage demands to a minimum. The agreement on "basket" adjustments will knock 1.5 per cent off the index, compared to

the 1.2 per cent increase caused by the higher VAT. The VAT increases were designed to finance government subsidies to industry's social

insurance contributions, thus helping to reduce the cost of labour. The government has also undertaken that if any further revenue has to be raised before 1978 it will turn to direct, rather than indirect taxation.

It has also promised to review its freeze on automatic increases on wages above 6m lire (about £4,000). A union spokesman declared

the agreement a success for the unions and a demonstration of their ability to defend the working class, free factory-level negotiation and wage indexa-. However, a union document

issued after the agreement spoke of "deep dissent" over the government's prices policy, its plans for youth employment and the investment in the south.

IMF says no agreement yet:

An International Monetary Fund
spokesman said in Washington
that discussions between the fund and Italy are continuing and "have covered the question of a modification of (the Italian) wage index agreements. Full agreement has not been reached on this question." the spokesman said.—Reuter.

# South Africa curbs profit transfers

Cape Town, March 30.—Mr
Owen Horwood, the South
African Finance Minister, presenting the Government's
budget today, said foreign-contwo years. trolled companies must now declare dividends and transfer profits to foreign countries out of income earned from January 1, 1975.

This move was to protect the balance of payments, he said. In addition a 15 per cent sur-charge was being levied on certain imported goods as a

Previously, the base date for such dividend and profit trans-fers was January 1, 1968. Mr Horwood said this base date in

two years.
Mr Horwood said foreign-

controlled companies were at controlled companies were at present silowed to declare dividends, and transfer profits to foreign countries provided this was done out of income earned after January 1, 1968.

This base date had now been brought forward to January 1, 1975, effective immediately.

The minister said administrative massives to close loop.

trative measures to close loopholes on exchange controls over payments for imports, which are sometimes deficient

with regard to capital transfers, would shortly be imposed.
Legacies, which can be freely
transferred abroad up to a
maximum amount of 20,000 rand
per baneficiary, will now be subject to the securities procedures, he said.
The finance minister also

proposed a temporary special per cent revenue duty, or surcharge on certain imported measure is effective

immediately where the imports have not yet been cleared for additional The estimated revenue amounts to 400m rand this year.-Reuter.

In brief

#### Over million days lost **Forestry** in two months' strikes incentives improved

By David Blake Economics Correspondent

Over a million days were lost. the total number of working days lost was over a third of the total lost in 1976, when the impact of the pay code reduced industrial disputes to their

lowest level since 1966.
The biggest single factor pushing up days lost was the long-running dispute at British Leyland, which led to 389,000 days being lost in the motor industry in the first two months of the year. But even if the Leyland strike is discounted, there does seem to be some evidence that strikes have become more common than they

over other issues. The number of days lost in through strikes in the first two many categories of industry was months of this year, according up in January and February to figures published today by from its level a year earlier, the Department of Employment. Even more strikingly, the In January and February alone record in February was far worse than in January. During February 713,000 days were lost through disputes involving 137,500 workers. That made February the worst month since the summer of 1975.

During the first two months of the year 198,500 workers were involved in a total of 445 stoppages. To what extent the increase

To what extent the increase in strike figures reflects a more general dissatisfaction with the pay policy than is felt just by the Leyland workers is impossible to assess. As well as dis-dutes about relativities, there were last year, possibly because were strikes during February growing concern about falling over manning levels in one form living standards is leading to a

# US sale of Tetley Tea

By Our Financial Staff
Plans for J. Lyons, the food

agreement in principle to sell Tedey for \$2/m (f16m) to Liggett Group, an American tobacco, wines and per foods

concern. Ligger has now backed out on the deal, however, amid some speculation that it was concerned about the possible

Lyons.
Mr L. Budham, managing director-elect of Lyons, said last night there was no question of Tetley missing its profit forecast of \$5.5m, which would probably be beaten-

Partly as a result of the strength of the pound and of

# falls through for Lyons

and catering group, to sell its
Tetley tea and coffee operations in the United States have
fallen through.

Last December Lyons
smoounced at har reached

effect of the recent gyrations in the tea and coffee prices.

which were based on Tetley's book asset value, and offered Lyons a lower price This was not acceptable to

other disposals—including its Wimpy catering chain and most of its United Kingdom hotels—Lyons now feels under in the tea and coffee prices. much less pressure to dispose It decided not to proceed on of assets than it did last year.

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De La Rue	13p to 387p	Rio Tinto	3p to 220p	Belgium Fr	65.25	67.
Fisons	10p to 360p	Roseill	4p to 5p	Canada \$	1.86	1.
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#### future for woodlands to be sub-ject to a Forestry Commission dedication scheme in order to benefit from the capital transfer tax relief negociated in 1975. There are also improvements to the range of grants given to encourage tree planting. In some instances they will be more than doubled.

Improved incentives to en-courage the development of forestry will be included in the forthcoming Finance Bill. In addition a small woodlands

planting scheme is to be intro-duced to further the planting of broadleaves in the lowlands.

It will not be necessary in

The additional cost of these measures is estimated to total \$350,000 in 1977-78, rising to £1.8m in 1980-81. It will be contained within the existing public expenditure level.



Mr Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, who has asked the Monopolics and Mergers Commission to investigate the supply in, and export from the United Kingdom of, electricity supply meters. He has asked the commission to report within 18 months. There are four main manufacturers : Ferranti, GEC Messurements, andis and Gyr, and Sangamo

#### SE membership poli 📑 approves Talisman

The Stock Exchange has almost certainly received clearance from its members to press chead with the introduc-tion of its fully computerized "Talisman" settlement system by 1979.

Representatives of member firms met yesterday to vote on the £13.2m system and although the result will not be known until today, proxy votes cast show 1,862 in favour, 584 against and 36 open. So, with just over 4,000 members entirled to vote, 46 per cent has already come out in favour,

Accepting Houses post Mr John Baring, chairman of Baring Brothers, has been appointed the new chairman of the Accepting Houses Commit tee. Mr Baring takes over from Mr Michael Verey, chairman of

Schroders, after the commit-

tee's next meeting in May. Business Diary, page 21 Saudi Bank's windfall

In its first year of operations the Saudi International Bank, made a pre-tax profit of \$1.78m. Most of this was artributable to the translation into sterling of that portion of the capital invested in foreign currencies

# Mulley role in Agents' arms deals

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor

Mrs Hart, recently re-appointed Minister of Overseas Development, is to lose control of the Crown Agents' sensitive arms and defence equipment business to Mr Mulley, Minister for Defence. The Prime Minister has approved the transfer of responsibility from April 1.

Mr Mulley will assume direct Government responsibility for Millbank Technical Services. which has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of the financially troubled Crown Agents for 10

The company currently has an order book worth about \$1,400m, practically all for defence equipment from missiles to ships and support services. Three years ago orders were worth only £300m.

Ever since 1833, the Crown Agents have been in the arma business, acting as agents for overseas governments. But with defence sales increasingly involving more than just sales of complete weapons systems with supporting training and maintenance under package deals— it is felt that the Ministry of Defence is better suited to handling the tricky problems. that can arise."

Exports of arms and defence systems have always involved the Ministry of Defence, but until now the Crown Agents have provided a para-govern-mental agency for fixing deals with British suppliers to meet overseas principals require-ments. The Ministry can be expected to operate as a principal too. especially in the Middle East where oil has become a method of paying for British weapons, from ranks to missiles. Milibank Technical Services ran into some trouble in Iran over the building of a military installation and it is expected

sponsor The company will remain a Crown Agent subsidiary and Mrs Hart will continue to exercise ministerial control over the Crown Agents subsidiary and activities.

in London. CCPC has been fighting to reduce borrowings since the pro-perty crisis in late 1973. It cut ers crisis in late 1975, if cut its gross assets by £269m to £156m last year after the disposal of its interests in Australia and Canada and after

The group plans to hold a public auction of the Knights-bridge properties on July 5. Estate agents Jones, Lang, Wootton, in conjunction with Matthews and Goodman, and Marler and Marler, will auction the estate in 28 lots if the com-pany has not received an offer

pany has not received an ofter for the whole six-acre site before July.

Mr Dennis Marler, CCPC's managing director, would "not dissent" from suggestions that the freehold estate would have a market value of around £40 h. and confirmed that he will be looking for offers in that range. He said that no attempts had been made to sell the estate before the public announcement of the auction. "I have been determined that when we made this hard decision . . . to sell our finest single holding . . . we would do it with the maximum

would do it with the maximum publicity".

JLW was chosen as lead agents because of its international connexions. Mr Marier expects considerable interest to be shown "from the Middle East, the United States and possibly Far Eastern investors."

The estate consists of 90 shops, 92,500 sq ft of office space, 350 flats and apartments, a multistorey car park and four

to the Brompton Road. CCPC's links with the estate

the century.

Mr Sydney Marler sold the properties in 1908 in what his grandson describes as "a fit of madness", since he then believed that real estate was finished. Mr Dennis Marler's cousin Leslie bought much of the estate back for the group in the 1950s, and it was subject to a series of abortive development plans throughout the past two decades.

In the past 12 years CCPC has been refurbishing the buildings.

sales will resolve the group's borrowing problems, more than eliminating its short term debt. "We now have the cash flow to take time over these sales." Mr Marler said. Now that CCPC "has clawed its way out of the tunnel" he hopes to take advantage of "a significantly advantage of a survivorsimproved market for investof the auction

John Brennan

# National Westminster Bank

# Rate changes

National Westminster Bank

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announces that for balances in its books as from and including Thursday, 31st March, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is reduced from 101% to 91% per annum and its Deposit Rate on all amounts lodged; subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal, is 5% per amum Savings Accounts will now attract interest at 5% per annum

All other rates remain unchanged

# How the markets moved

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Amai Metai	15p to 420p
Blyvoors	15p to 350p
Brit Sugar	15p to 420p
De La Rue	13p to 387p
risons	10p to 360p
Grand Met	3p to 77p
farrisons Malay lickson & Wich	13p to 425p
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dr. Asiatic	81p to 79p

Commodities: Base metal prices recovered. Renter's Index was at 1732.9 (previous 1726.2).

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# European doubts over Tokyo trading claim

From Peter Hazelburst

Confronted with threats of retaliation from Erussels, Japan's Foreign Trade Council claimed yesterday that the country's lopsided trade surplus with West Europe declined by a "remarkable" degree last month after Japanese markets were officially advised to open up their gates to imports from the EEC.

According to the council, which represents 14 leading trading groups.

Japan made drastic attempts to correct its trade balance with West Europe last month when imports increased by 38.7 per cent over a year ago and Japanese exports to West Europe dropped by 20.2 per cent below the level recorded in February, 1976.

The Council in a general report on its trading pattern with the world, went on to point out that Japan's trade surplus with West Europe had declined to £44.5m for the month of February compared to the £115m boom in the same month a year ago.

In general, the Japan trade council cited other statistics which suggest the

world increased by 8.4 per cent while imports dropped by 0.5 per cent in February, against the same period a

year ago.

A spokesman for the trade council said last night that the statistics were based on the import and export contracts of 14 major trading companies, which account for 60 per cent of the country's two-way volume of trade. He went on to claim that the sharp turnround in the pattern of trade between Japan and West Europe last "reflects a genuine attempt to reverse Europe's complaints over Japan's surplus trade balance of \$4,200m (about £2,500m) last year".

However, European diplomats who have been urging the Japanese govern-ment to lift some of the country's restrictive and non-tariff barriers on export, remained sceptical and said they would wait to see what would follow. "Even if the trend continues. Japan

is likely to wind up with a whopping surplus this year. More important, we have no firm assurance that Japanese producers of cars, steel, and ships will

live up to their promises and restrict their exports to Europe on a voluntary basis", a West European diplomat said. A spokesman for the EEC mission

in Tokyo was also cautious: "We accept last month's trade figures as an initial encouraging sign. But it is a symptom only and we can draw no conclusion. We have not made an analysis to estab-lish whether this will set the trend for the future or whether the statistics only reflect a temporary change in the pattern of trade. In any event, there is a gap between our statistics and the panese record ", he said.
Other economic observers pointed out

of the rising price of raw materials, which weer reexported in the form of manufactured goods. Little or nothing has been done to increase Japan's imports of manufactured and sophistigoods from industrialized

In the meantime, evidence is mounting in Tokyo to suggest that Japanese industrialists are revolting against the governments cal for moderate trade practises which might appease Europe.

Reacting to government's suggestion that the ship building industry should increase prices by 5 per cent to appease compensors in Europe, major producers suggested they might lose lucrative con-tracts as a result of the official directive. Industrie told the Japanese press yesterday that many foreign ship owners have suspended negotiations on future orders during the last month. "No television threat": Soaring imports of Japanese colour television sets last month does not mean Japan is poised to grab a larger slice of the

United Kingdom market, the Department of Trade said ytsterday. Japanese colour set exports to yester-day rose by 151 per cent in February compared with the month before— 8,748 to 22,009—according to a Reuter

report.

But a Department of Trade spokesman said the Jtpanese had made a market-share forecast in November last year, and there ws no reason to suppose they would exceed that. I apanese forecasts for the two previous years had both been accurate.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Will higher tea prices raise living standards in the Third World?

From Mr John Tanner
Sir, There has almost been a
revolution in the affairs of the revolution in the airars of the tea industry since the television programme. World in Action in 1973 highlighted the plight of malnourished tea pickers on Sri Lankan estates. In those days when most teas fetched less than 50p a kilo at the auctions, companies such as Reade Read. companies such as Brooke Bond argued that improving con-ditions was difficult when they were making so little money from their tea growing operations.
Today as London auction

prices rush towards 300p a kilo British and locally owned tea companies in developing countries are anticipating very handsome profits. Few members of the British public will begrudge paying pour countries more for their tea, especially

#### Delays in British

car deliveries From Mr C. L. Verity

Sir, A recent correspondent complained about a three-mouth delay in the promised delivery of a Ford Escort. My employers ordered for me a Ford Cortina Estate car in early December and there are no signs of delivery being imminent. The company for which I work orders some hundreds of new British cars a year.

It must surely only be a matter of time before delivery delays on British cars are reduced enormously by the transfer of loyalty from the fleet buyers to continental cars. It is of note that my brotherin-law recently bought a Volvo Estate car "off the peg" with delivery time limited to the normal delay in registration. Yours faithfully.

C. L. VERITY, Boundary House, Brimpton Common, Nr Reading Berkshire.

after 20 years of price stagnation. However, many consumers are concerned that the extra Bond or any other company we are paying in the shops will end up in the wrong pockets. One immediate result of the better prices is higher tax receipts by Third World govern-ments. In Sri Lanka, where the estates are nationalized, in-creased prices are of direct benefits in the agreement and benefit to the government and can be used to help the ordinary people of that island. Another result is that remittances to parent companies can be expected to rise by at least 20 per cent. In this way some of the money paid out at the auctions by British tea distri-butors who also have estates overseas will be returned.
British tea profits in India
more than doubled between

1970 and 1974, from £31m to

From Mr John Parton
Sir, Readers of your paper will

recollect that a proposal was put forward in 1968-69 to alter the weight limit and wheel

chassis base of continental-type goods vehicles (Juggernaut), and after considerable public protest especially from the amenity movement, supported by the Civic Trust and other

by the Civic Trust and other national organizations, the alterations in weight limits were not proceeded with. This was due chiefly to the effects that such extra weighted lorries would have on the structural fabrics of many of the historic buildings in the cities of Great Britain. The River Thames Society is therefore greatly concerned that the EEC Council of

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Transport Ministers, at a meeting to be held shortly, will discuss a proposal to increase lorry weights again.

The planning committee of the River Thames Society has again studied these proposals

and is still adament against any

increase in the weight of lor-ries using the roadways of Great Britain. The society

again objects to these proposals in respect of the effects it would have on Thames bridges, in particular the historic

bridges of Richmond, Marlow,

Hungerford and Oxford, to-gether with the suspension

Proposed lorry weight changes

help raise living standards for the poor in the Third World. In particular, can they assure us that they are improvi wages and conditions on the estates sufficiently and that profits will be relavested in the country of origin and not simply used to boost profitability of the parent company in Britain.
We believe the tea drinking public has the right to know. Yours faithfully, JOHN TANNER World Development Movement

Bedford Chambers,

bridges over the Thames that is, Hammersmith, Royal Albert

and Chelsea bridges.

The society has only in recent months expressed considerable concern at the fabric problems that are being caused.

to the historic Tower Bridge by

the increased weights that this

bridge has to take. Notwith standing, it is the view of the

River Thames Society that more

onus must be put on an inte-grated transport policy for the United Kingdom to coincide

with the transport policy of the European Economic Commu

nity, and that within this policy there should be a coordinated framework established to an

sure that more heavy goods are

carried on the railways and the

more use should be made o

water-borne transportation in

Bearing all these factors in

mind the society intends to sob-

mit evidence and comments on these aspects to the Secretary

of State for Transport and to

the Transport Commissioner

the EEC. The society slacere'y hones that support will be

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tea assure us that the current windfall profits will be used in

#### Manual workers earn 12.4 pc more in a year

By Caroline Atkinson Average full-time earnings of men manual workers rose by £7.39 a week in the year ending October 1976 to reach £66.37, acording to Department of

Employment figures
The increase was equal to an average percentage rise of 12.4 per cent and was larger than the maximum weekly wage increases allowed under either of the pay policies in force during the 12 months.

Longer working hours with increased overtime accounted

the fact that the survey does and is especially marked in not cover exactly the same manufacturing. workers in each year.

was only 11.3 per cent, less than half the increase in the preced-ing year, and below the 14.7 per

Women manual workers did better than the men in percentage terms, with average rises of 18.8 per cent, but their average weekly wage of £40.61 in October was still less than two thirds of the male average. The men covered by the survey worked a longer week, however, averaging 44 hours compared to the female average of 37.4 hours.

Scottish and Welsh workers are now both better paid on

Longer working hours with are now both better paid, on increased overtime accounted average, than English ones. This is mainly the result of all, of the discrepancy, as did differing industrial structure

For the first time North Sea The rise in hourly earnings oil operations are shown to for men during the 12 months boost the Scottish figure: the average weekly pay packet of Scottish workers in the extracing year, and below the 14.7 per tive industries, excluding coal cent rise in prices in the same mining, was £94.33.

Aid programme for Wales

By Trevor Fishlock Agency is to spend £160m during the next five years in a concerned drive to create thousands of new jobs.

It will be put into factories, land reclamation, industrial promotion, and will also fund the agency's merchant venturer

In its policy document, published today, the agency says priority will be given to the provision of investment capital for Wales-based enterprises and to ber development of factory sites in says.

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y Trevor Fishlock parts affected by steel industry
The Welsh Development redundancies. It says its programme would make a "major impact" on employment, complementing existing government grant sources, providing money for companies to expand by means of equity capital, loans, loan guarantees,

or a combination of all three.
"Although the agency will take employment potential very much into account in assessing projects, the provision of fin-ance will not be related to the creation of any specified num-ber of jobs ", the statement-

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EIGHT YEARS

#### **Jobcentres** 'fill 70 pc of

vacancies' By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter
An interim evaluation by the Manpower Services Commis-sion of its Jobcenire programme has produced figures showing a marked increase in showing a market increase in activity over the old "employ-ment exchange" concept. The figures also point to the fact that Jobcentres, with their carpeted floors and supermarket appeal, are competing

well against private employ-ment agencies. Mr Richard O'Brien, chairman of the commission, empha-sized yesterday that "if private agencies provide a good quality service there is no reason why public and private agencies cannot coexist". He refuted suggestions that the sim was to create a state monopoly of job placement

The commission reported that 301 Jobcentres are or will soon be in operation, and con-firmed that it will open the centres at the rate of 100 a year for the next five years, at a cost with servicing of £5m

with 800 Jobcentres we will virtually have a national network". Mr Alan Brown, chief executive of the MSC's Employment Services Agency said.
The evidence is that Job

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Industries

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employing 13,500 people.

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☐ Total sales outside UK were £159m,

Exports from the UK were up 36% to £91m representing 72% of UK output.

☐ Safety Electrical Corporation acquired in

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manufactured in North America.

an illustrated brochure write to:

centres are used by 20 per cent more people than use employment exchanges. About 70 per cent of notified vacancies are filled by them.

#### In brief

## Shipbuilding 'facing 3 more lean years'

World shipbuilding is facing years, with orders this year slumping to 10 million tons or less, it was forecast yesterday. Orders last year were down to 13 million tons gross, com-pared with 73.6 million three years earlier. This has already led to a major crisis for world shippards, resulting in cut-throat competition and protec-

cionist policies by governments. Last year's world order intake represented barely 40 per cent of a typical year, and the inflow of orders was the lowest recorded by Lloyd's Register of Shipping since it began compiling detailed records over a decade ago.

Mr Robert Huskisson, chair-man of Lloyd's Register, sald in his annual statement yesterday that it was unlikely the industry would return to a more stable situation until at least 1980. Recent high levels of new milding had so reduced the age of the present world fleet that it was unrealistic to expect further substantial investment for at least three years.

#### Guide to improve chemicals safety

A guide intended to improve A guide intended to improve the safery record of Britain's chemical industry was launched yesterday. Mr Donaid Bennett, theirman of the Chemical Industry Safety and Health Committee, said that there was a growing need to apply more

particularly in plant design. "We have to apply new tech-"We have to apply new tech-niques to study variations in plant behaviour before they happen", he said. One tech-nique now available was the Hazard and Operability Study, based on the question "What based on the question would happen if . . ? "

#### Fire losses decline to £14.1m

February was a relatively quite month for fire damage, with overall estimated costs to the insurance industry £14.1m, £8.3m down on January total.

Latest figures from British Insurance Association show that there were two major fires during the month, costing about £750,000, and four claims of £500,000. The number of smaller claims dropped, with 64 fires costing £25,000 or more, against 94 in January.

#### Go-ahead for Irish zinc smelter

Ireland's Industrial Development Authority yesterday an-nounced the go-shead for its plan to build at 100,000 tonnesa-year zinc smelter to process the output of mines at Navan in co Meath, about 30 miles

Initial capacity is expected to be operational by 1981, and there are plans to double capa-city to 200,000 tonnes.

## Isoglucose levy angers STONE-PLATT GROWTH

Proposed EEC concessions on Isoglucose, were dismissed as worthless yesterday by one of the leading companies in the British industrial sweetener

industry.

Mr Bernard Smartt, managing director of Tunnel Refineries, said that new proposals from the European Commission were just as damaging as those they

replace .
Isoglucose is an alternative Isoglucose is an alternative sweetener to sugar extracted from starchy crops which can be slightly cheaper than sugar. Mr John Silkin, president of the EEC council of farm ministers, reported after his return to London from the latest abortive meeting about price supports that the Commission had halved its proposed production levy on its proposed production levy on

The new proposed levy is 50 units of account or about £28.50 a tonne. "This levy would add 14 per cent to the current selling price of isoglucose", Mr Smarrt said. "In these circumstances manufactures of the current selling price of isoglucose", Mr Smarrt said. "In these circumstances manufactures. glucose ", Mr Smartt said. "In those circumstances manufac-ture would not be economically possible."

His company had already decided to open an £8m factory in east London which would create 100 new jobs in the manufacture of a product which is seen as a threat to sugar beet by the European farming lobby. Isoglucose is usually made from maize.

. The British Maize Refiners' Association said the proposed levy was "purely punitive". -

#### to send to waste two units of tor were it not for the evils of heat for every one they put to monopoly supply. sood use. The low grade fuels Mr Heat and power diverged

Inescapable facts of energy generation

Sir, It is saddening and somewhat disturbing to see such a letter as that of Mr L. G. and have taken parallel courses since the beginning of Brookes (March 17), trying to ignore and even brush off as unimportant inescapable, fundamental, physical facts. But it is also educational in that this electricity distribution in the-1890s. It is time they came together. Energy Report no. 20 just published shows clearly letter shows how far even the the colossal consequences of the basic error made when electricity at any price (one shilling a unit in the twenties was no deterrent) was the in-sistent demand and fuel of no UKAEA can be wrong, how much human error there can be in pursuing a single aim to the exclusion of all other in-

fluences.

Sadi Carnot in 1824, contemporary of Michael Farraday, postulated certain physical laws which govern the conversion of any fuel into any form of energy, His energy work was in fact more important than Farraday's electrical, but its significance has been largely overlooked in subsequent developments. developments.

In modern terms, Carnot was In modern terms, Carnor was saying that for every unit of electricity there have to be two units of heat. The electricity industry, aided and abetted by the nuclear industry, wastes (an official Ministry view) 22 per cent of all fuels used in the United Kingdom for any purpose. This is not fallacious but demonstrably true.

but demonstrably true.

It is plainly true to anyone who can understand simple proportion. The official statistics show 30 per cent as the electricity industry's average thermal efficiency, close on 80 per cent for combined heat and power.

CH & P does not use the

vast quantity of low tempera-ture heat wasted by large power stations, it merely takes a larger share of the energy resulting from burning fuel. Where usable hot water can be distributed, electricity for heat-ing is far too wasteful of pri-mary fuels. mary fuels.
It is high time everyone con-

cerned began to think in terms of usable energy and not so much heat or electricity. The ratio of one to another is variable but the only sensible answer is to maximize the total, not just one. It is just as reprehensible for metal reprehensible for metal smelters, for one of many in stances, to use as much heat as they do without generating electricity as it is for the elec-tricity and nuclear industries

post as company secretary is taken by Mr R. G. Baker.
Sir Gregory Kater has been elected chairman of CSR following the retirement of Sir John Dunlop, who will continue as chairman of the Australian Estates Company Mr D. C. Block inter-

chairman of the Australian Estates Company. Mr D. G. Block joins the board.

Mr R. M. Emmanuel, Mr J. F. F. Barnes and Mr G. Hsuan have been made joint managing directors of Wheeler's Restaurants. Mr Bernard Walsh has given up as managing director but remains chairman.

Mr F. W. Page, managing director (aircraft), British Aircraft Coporation, has been appointed chairman of Panavia Aircraft GmbH. He succeeds Dr R. Bonifacio.

#### **Business appointments**

#### Ranks Hovis McDougall names new directors

Mr S. V. Robinson and Mr R. C.
Loombe are being appointed directors of Ranks Hovis McDongall.

Mr Robinson will remain chairman and managing director of the RHM agricultural division. Mr Loombe will be giving up his executive post with Ranks (Ireland) to return to the United Kingdom, but will remain a director of Ranks (Ireland). Mr G. L. Dennis becomes a divisional director. Mr P. J. Ricketts joins the paper to of Ranks (Ireland). Mr G. K. Dennis becomes a divisional director. Mr P. J. Ricketts joins the paper of Ranks (Ireland) and will become ioint deputy chairman and chief executive

elected chateman of the Unit Trust
Association.

Mr John Swire, chairman of
John Swire and Sons, has been
appointed a non-executive director of Ocean Transport and Trading.

Mr John Engledew, managing
director of Racal Instruments,
becomes deputy managing director
of Racal Communications and
managing director of Racal Communications Equipment. Mr John
Cerexa is to be managing director
of Racal Instruments.

Mr Frank Smith, who has retired
as chairman of Metropolitan Pen-

as chairman of Metropolitan Pensions Association (Holdings), is succeeded by Mr Fred Grant who continues as managing director of the MPA Group, Mr A. J. W. S. of the Man-made Fibres Producers

account at all. The situation is ignored in order to support a discredited industry and of Sir John Hill, his chainsan, port a discredited industry and is shutting his eyes to the future of his own in supplying hoth heat and power. He is ignoring the routine economic essentiality of CH & P in such industries as pulp and paper tyre, tobacco, fertilizer, cattle food and edibles manufactures, oil refining—and many others.

who at one time a couple of years ago, was at pains to in-clude district heating in his reviews of the potential of nuclear energy. Perhaps an official opinion rather than a per-sonal one should now be expressed. The italics above oil refining and many others, economics that should perform equally well in the public sec-

are my own.
NORMAN JENKINS,
Fartham, Surrey.

#### THE MERCANTILE INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. J. A. F. Binny, and the Report and Accounts for the year to 31st Junuary 1977.

Year to 31st January 1977. Gross Revenue £4,937,047 £5;¤45,79¤ Ordinary Farnings 0,839 I.OOD Ordinary Dividends т.бір 0.95P Net Assets £89.26m £94.110 Assets per Ordinary Share 43 P

 Earnings per share rose by 200,0, a better result than predicted, and the dividend proposed for the year of 0.95p compares with a forecast of 0.80p.

• In the light of uncertainties both in the United Kingdom and overseas we reduced our gearing during the year through loan repayments and bond purchases. At 31st January 9.3% of the portfolio was in British Government Securities.

 Owing to the increases in the costs of independent operation we reached agreement during the year with Investment Trust Services Ltd. whereby it became Secretary to the Company. Management expenses will show a significant reduction this year.

 At 31st January, 46% of the portfolio was invested in U.K. equities, 30% in N. American equities, 10% in other equities and 14% in fixed interest securities. At the moment the board sees no reason to depart from this broad balance.

Copies of the report and accounts may be obtained from the Company at Bucklersbury House, 11 Walbrook, London EC4N SEQ where the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1977

#### **CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED** INTEREST RATES

Clydesdale Bank Limited announces that

with effect from 31st March, 1977, its Base rate for lending is being decreased from  $10\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $9\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum.

#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Interest rates: back to single figures

Gilt-edged prices would have gone firmer yesterday on pure relief that there was nothing in Tuesday's Budget to worry shares but there are speculative factors to consider. gode fittner yesterday on pure relief that there was nothing in Tuesday's Budger to worry about: but the strength of sterling provided the real impetus. Sterling provides the key to interest rates; if yesterday's strength is maintained then the fall in interest rates has further to go. That, however, is to assume a moderation of union leaders entering Stage III negotiations which, as a matter of pure politics, they are

matter of pure politics, they are unlikely to display.

And it is also to assume, either that the two-point gap between pound and dollar interest rates is due to be breached, or that dollar rates are still set to decline.

With United Kingdom inflation still running at reject the

With United Kingdom inflation still running at rwice the rate of that in America, and the United States economy set for recovery, both those assumptions are improbable. That still leaves scope for another two-point cut in minimum lending rate: but the market is already anticipating half of that tomorrow, or possibly even today, If that full point fall does materialize there will be little for the gilt market to go for in the short-term: and indeed, the likely outlook now is for a period of profit-taking and then some sideways movement while some sideways movement while the market weighs the pay negotiations and sterling's reaction to them.

But with the Government's

borrowing requirement likely to be fairly modest by last year's standards, and institutional in-vestors in the enjoyment of a large inflow of funds, there is still room for some growth once the pay uncertainties are over. That is likely to flow through into counties too, but for the moment the banks are not likely moment the banks are not likely to benefit from it. True, yesterday's widening of the retail margin to what was once an unthinkable 41 per cent has cut by maybe a third the decline in profits they would otherwise have experienced—but until volume lending improves the outlook must be uninspiring.

#### House of Fraser

#### After the

With shares on the stores pitch already bubbling happily as a result of the Budget VAT reprieve a warm stock market welcome was assured. for House of Freser's better-than expected results.

Its shares gained 5p to 94p on the news that the group had

managed to transform a near 50 per cent drop in first half pre-tax profits into a gain of 32 per cent by the end of the

The all important final quarter covering the Christmas sales period saw profits grow 74 per cent to £19.4m thus providing elasses 70 per cent of the full-year total compared

with a sector average of nearer So, Sir Hugh Freser's reputa-tion as a draper has lost none of its lustre though his esteem so far as the City is concerned may have some bearing on the performance of the shares over

the next few months.
Sir Hugh, whose family still holds around 5 per cent of the group has not so far gone to great lengths to clarify his part of its SUITs holding to Lorsho. SUITs holding to Lorsho. SUITs holds 10 per cent of House of Frasar but even more speculative froth is added to the current picture as a result of Carter Hawley Hale's 20 per cent stake CHH, SUITs and Sir Hugh

have all stated that they are happy with the existing arrange ment but stockmarket fears of a large-scale self-off from one quarter are almost as great as hopes of a full bid, eventually nerging. Given the possibilities infactors to consider.

Final 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £114.2m Sales £429m\* (£366.5m\*) Pre-tax profits £27.7m (£20.9m) Earnings per share

11.05p (8.44p) Dividend gross 6.57p (5.97p) \* Excluding VAT

#### Schroders

#### Mostly gains

Figures from Schroders confirm what those from Kleinwort Benson had already suggested : that the merchant banks benefited by nowhere near as much as the clearers from last year's high interest rates—naturally, since they don't enjoy the same "endowment" benefit on the cheap funds held in current

accounts.
All the same, Schroders principal activities—banking principal activities—banking and insurance—have done well, with profits after tax and transfers to inter reserves rising from £2.9m to £3.6m Non-banking, too, did well, reflecting a high level of activity at Schroder Leasing: and

profits rose from £286,000 to £653,000 despite an (unquantified) write down of the capital value of the group's stake in Property Holdings Inter-

roperty manional.

That 50 per cent stake in fact provided Schroders with most of its headaches last year, for PHI has made a hefty loss which pushed the share of associates (despite contributions elsewhere) from a profit of £242,000 to a loss of £1.23m.

The year has szazted well, and though the chairman, Mr Michael Verey, "gave up forecasting 33 years ago", he is mildly optimistic. However, that looks to be more than adequately discounted aiready in a yield of only 4.8 per cent at 330p.

Final: 1976 (1975)

Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization E25.8m Net profits E2.21m (E2.66m) Earnings per share 28.3p (34p) Dividend gross 15.8p (14.3p)

#### **Tubes** Aluminium rebounds

The story from Tube Investments last year is that the British Aluminium contribution, aided by price increases totalling 40 per cent, bounded up from £0.3m to £6.4m and that the rest of the group did little

on British companies there. Under present rules any overseas company with a cash rich South African subsidiary could withdraw dividends on profits made from 1960 at the first sign of major political dis-turbance causing irreparable damage to South Africa's

damage to South Africa's balance of payments.

The decision to allow transfers of profits and payments of dividends earned only since January 1,1975, and the intention to restrict future payments to the previous two pears' earn-ings should not affect foreign companies who wish to keep their South African operations

as going concerns.

However, there may be the odd case where a company has allowed reserves to accumulate in a South African subsidiary from a time when the prospects there looked for more settled than they do today and may have planned to remit substanmore than two pears

better than mark time. But that description alone does no justice to the vigorous second half recovery as a result of which TPs results have emerged some £4m-£5m ahead of most stock market projections.

Steel tube profits, down in the first half, were up by a quarter in the second, while cycles, which had earlier been edging forward only alowly, were ahead by three-quarters. Domestic appliances and machines swong back into sur-plus and, all told, group trading

profits were close to a fifth higher in the final period. Very little of that represents volume, however. Aside from British Aluminium it is clear that TI has been getting its prices up well, most particularly in export markets where full advantage has been taken of the pound's fall.

All of which bodes well for

All of which bodes well for the present year despite the sluggish outlook for domestic appliances and the apparent lack of any present volume increase. The first half will compare with a dismal period last year, and for steel tubes at least there should be some prospect of production increases as pect of production increases as restocking ahead of any 1978 investment revival gets under

British Aluminium and cycles should be good for more growth and a high level of inquiries, such as machine tools are presently experiencing, is normally a prelude to more orders. So a target of £58m-£60m this year is not unreasonable and a price earnings ratio of 8.1 and yield of 7 per cent at 412p represent solid value. Final: 1976 (1975)

Cavitalization £188m Sales £716m (£619m) Pro-tax profits £49.6m (£42.3m) Earnings per share 50.7p (44.2p) Dividend gross 29.8p (26.2p)

# Prudential

Underwriting disappoints

General business lines were expected to provide much of the growth for Prudential Assurance in 1976. But householders subsidence claims added to subsidence claims added to January storm damage and high winter motor claims helped reverse the marked first half improvement, increasing the year's underwriting deficit by £1.9m to £10.2m,
Investment income bolatared by 1975's £46m rights issue generated £21.5m against £15.7m bringing pre-tax profits on the non-life side to £11.3m, Shareholders' cut of life surpluses produced a further

pluses produced a further £13.7m and other net income chipped in £4.5m bringing distributable profits roughly into line with market foracasts Restrictions on transfers of line with market forecasts overall earnings may match forecasts, but the disappolating underwriting experience casts a should have ony a limited affect cularly since the group, while not quantifying its subsidence claims, discounts the idea that these exceptional costs accounted for all the downturn. The dismal underwriting result is particularly disappointing in view of the Prudential's success, through its acquisition of Standard Trust, in resolving its immediate solvency problems. On the life front Prudential's

weight of industrial branch business has not hit premium growth. But doubts about the quality of the non-life business and the effect of the market of the £7m overhang of shares held by Development Securities could hit the price in the short term. At 126p, up 2p on the results, the shares yield 7.3 per cent.

cent. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £343.6m Non-life premiums £322m

(£234m)
Distributable profits £24.5m (18.0)

#### Maurice Corina

# A subsidy which has kept over 200,000 at work

The main worry when the Chancellor rook the decision two years ago to arm the Government with power to make special payments to firms prepared to defer planned redundancies was that it might encourage over-manning or prop up companies which would be incapable of standing on their own feet in normal Thousands of workers owe their jobs to the operation of the temporary employment sub-sidy (TES), first introduced in August, 1975, to help keep work-forces together during difficult times. The payments—at first £10 a week but later doubled were originally intended to last a year, but given the slower than expected recovery in industrial activity it is hardly surprising to find the Chancellor on their own feet in normal surprising to find the Chancelor again reprieving the jobs subsidy.

With the ranks of the unemployed already swollen, the Government has already protected over 224,000 jobs for at least 12 months and probably longer Ryplances cleanly like

least 12 months and probably longer. Employers clearly like the scheme and the Treasury, though coy on the point, is finding the subsidy a surprisingly cheap measure.

The subsidy was due to end on April 30, having been extended from December for new applications. In the Budget statement the Chancellor announced that, where 12-month subsidy payments to companies

subsidy payments to companies

subsidy payments to companies come to an end in the coming financial year, the employers can reapply for a further six mouths of payments, though at a reduced rate of £10 per head weekly where jobs would otherwise be at risk.

At the same time, new applications for the higher rate of £20 a week will be taken until March 31, 1978. It is expected

March 31, 1978. It is expected that about 165,000 jobs can be saved in the next 12 months, with another 162,000 being protected under the reduced rate

subsidy. For small firms with less than 50 workers and operat-

ing in development areas, there is a £20 a week subsidy now available for every new job

created (an important measure when smaller concerns have shed about a fifth of all the

unemployed people in these

There is no doubt that the operation of the employment subsidy has been a great success. The gross cost of its

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extension to March 31, 1978, is estimated at over £250m, which

Yet government coyness on the actual net cost is under-

standable. After all, it is with-drawing regional amployment premium. Further, the Exche-

quer does make some important

ployment and redundancy bene-

fits that would otherwise be paid out, the taxation it draws

from people kept in work, and from the maintenance of

national insurance contributions,

now subject to a special sur-

charge, too.
Industries which are being supported by the TES are wide-

ranging, from distribution to agriculture. But the biggest beneficiaries have been textiles, clothing, footwear, electrical and mechanical engineering,

construction and paper.

Any employer faced with making 10 or more workers redundant can apply for the jobs payment over a 12 month period. The reprieva last

December until next month brought a rush of new applica-

offsetting saving

The idea was to buy more time for employers annious to retain personnel for the pro-

The biggest beneficiaries have included textiles, clothing. footwear, paper and engineering

mised economic upturn or to redeploy people into more valuable jobs.

There has been strong support for the whole scheme from employers, particularly those in important manufacturing industries which, odd as it may seem, remain concerned about future labour shortages now manufacturing output is now manufacturing output is rising and the somewhat de-layed rise in export orders is coming through. Many of the Neddy sector working parties involved in the Governments industrial strategy programme have expressed enxieties about the retention of labour, especially skilled people, so there is no development of prothere is no development of pro-duction bottlenecks as order books fill up.

books fill up.

Redundancy has become a very expensive business for employers. The average payment, for example, under the jointly financed Redundancy Fund rose in 1976 to over £500 for nearly 296,000 workers Ten years before, the payments averaged under £200. At the same time, the enactment of new employment protection law has added to the complications of declaring redundancies, tions of declaring redundancies while trade unions are militant over sackings and more prone

over sackings and more prone to occupy works.

Clearly, the Government has had little choice but to extend the TES. Many employers kept on workers believing the Charcellor might deliver faster growth, and there was a real danger this year that they would start shedding TES—protected employees just at the moment when unemployment figures might begin reducing.

figures might begin reducing. The employment subsidy is of course, only one of a number of schemes introduced in recent years, covering youth employ-ment, school-leavers, job release special training measures. More than £600m has been spent in the past two years on creating or keeping open 500,000 jobs or training places, while the Deschemes make their own particular impact on amployment

After ski is said and done there is the central fact that the TES will be keeping over 200,000 off the memployment register, while the Chancellor expects his tax measures to pro-duce enother 100,000 jobs in more people chasing fewer jobs, it is not the payment of subsidies that creates new employment but the tempo of industrial activity and new invest-

tions, for at the turn of the year some 150,000 jobs had been saved and the latest figures put the number at 224,000, at a gross cost of £212m. TES may be something of a success story, but even so the size of the presently unemployed workforce with assistance is school leavers on the way this summer remains unacceptable.

# Between bull pit and bear garden

menon. But even he was

sceptical that monetary reactions would cut short a

there is some strain on the ulti-

Peter Jay

**Economics Editor** 

likely to be effective so long as the boom continues (Trade Cycle, 3rd impression, p159).

But Sir John's authority could equally well be cited on the opposite side of the argument by the bears. Mr Gordon Pepper of W. Greenwell and Co, has consistently warned since the late sufficiency of late was actions.

the danger of a violent mone-tary contraction causing a pro-nounced intensification of the

Mr Pepper's warnings that, so long as the Bank of England

continues to operate on the basis of preconceived notions of the desirable level of nominal

of the desirable level of nominal interest rates from time to time, the money supply can fall disastrously in 1977, look no less relevant for the experience of the past three months.

Sir John saw "the real horrors" occurring if "a further monetary crisis supervenes when depression is already well advanced. . . Really catastrophic depression is most unlikely to occur as a result of the

to occur as a result of the simple operation of the real accelerator mechanism; it is likely to occur when there is

when the rot in the monetary system goes very deep".
His explanation of the Great Depression of the 1930s was that "a deep monetary crisis developed, not in its 'proper' place, shortly after the downturn, but in full depression in the summer of 1931 [causing the real cycle] to plungs to yet lower depths " (Trade Cycle, page 163).

lower depths" (Trade Cycle, page 163).

He was, of course, writing of the world economy as a whole; and he believed that such a monetary crisis could occur only because of a collapse of bank credit which the central banks were too weak to remedy by "the classical remedy of Thornton and Bagehot", namely acrive lending "to replace

profound monetary instability

resent depression. Certainly,

developing boom:

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one of Britain's two most internationally eminent economists cells me that he is convinced that we are on the brink of a formidable boom. This is great store by the potential of a formidable boom. great store by the potency of the monetary system to aggra-vate the natural "real" rhythms of the investment accelerator, which he saw as of a formidable boom. This insight he arributes not to any intellectually demonstrable cause, but to a feeling he has the primary cause of the observed trade cycle pheno-"in his water".

He admits to having laid aside a life-time of meticulous economic science and fertile theoretical development in favour of near-mysticism. He "For the actual process of real expansion is very favour-able to the expansion of credit. Profits are good, and risks appear to be low; even though has rediscovered the heroically simple explanation of the trade cycle advanced by the great early twentieth century Camearly twentieth century Cambridge economist, Professor
A. C. Pigou, namely that man
—both investor and consumer—
is afflicted with successive
waves of optimism and pessimism which, once they begin,
are powerfully self-reinforcing,
at least for a good while.

He rejects the confidence mate money supply, the oppor-tunities for the development of money substitutes are vast, and the strain is therefore not very

He points to the confidence of the stock market, to falling interest rates, to the dip in personal savings from the last quarter of 1976, to the fall in unemployment over the last two months and to the rise in unfilled meancies over the last two months and to the rise in unfilled vacancies over the last four or five months. He acknowledges that all the careful predictions of forecasting science in 1974, 1975 and 1976 were thrown our completely by the wholly unforeseen strength of personal savings; and he rejects the instant explanation invented to account for this, namely that it was a reaction to inflation as such.

This may, of course, all be just temporary derangement induced by the Budget. When direct and indirect taxes are adjusted by as much as double what is required to roll back the effects of the last year's fiscal drag on the notion's tax burden, even eminent economists may be so carried away that, as Calpurnia had it, their wisdom is consum'd in confidence ".

But it is not only eminent economists. Investors and City men are also going forth to the Capitol, or at least to the the Capitol, or at least to me stock exchange, in cheerful throngs. Battle-scarred warriors of many brunal financial campaigns are to be heard probesying the biggest bull-market in 20 years, 1950s-style interest rates and even the renescence of some real profitability in industry and commerce. merce.
Such is the mood of men
who set little store by the

who set little store by the money supply and its potency to indicate the course of the economic cycle. Nor need one doubt that, if there were no monetary constrictions and if industry's fundamental doubts about profitability, whether because of weak demand or daunting labour costs, were swept away in a wave of business optimism, there would be a huge backlog of wine Sir John Hicks, in his classic study of the Trade Cycle, called "autonomous" and "long-

unsound credit with sounder It will be said that there is

no serious question about the financial stability of British banks, despite the earlier prob-lems of the "fringe" banks and despite the difficulties for the international banking system still being caused by the violent effects of the oil surpluses and deficits after 1973. But, if the Bank of England operated in such a way as inadvertently to cause an abrupt monetary contraction—the wisdom of Thornton and Bagehor norwithstanding—then indeed Sir John's "really catastrophic depression" could be caused.

But the Bank of England, after all, is ham-fisted rather than mad. If in order to arrest a fall in the money supply gilts have to be bought back by the authorities—or Treasury balances, as the Canadians call them, created on a large scale by direct government deposits with the clearing banks—the Treas-ury is perfectly capable of see-

ing the need.

Moreover, I incline to believe
in the eminent economist's
watery intimations of a revival of, at least, consumers' confi-dence. If this occurs credit dence. If this occurs credit demand will revive; and that, interacting with the Bank's interest-rate-orientated openmarket operations, will cause the money supply to expand and perhaps threaten to exceed the Chancellor's 9-13 per cent budget expectations and the In-ternational Monetary Fund's domestic credit expansion ceiling.

Because the budget deficit is still so large any strong investment boom would be "crowded out" by Treasury competition for the available savings. This would raise real interest rates, even if falling inflationery ex-

pectations continued to cut nominal interest rates. In that event the Chancellor could find himself again facing last autumn's agonizing choice between rapid monetary expan-sion, industrially ruinous intering expenditure cuts. At the same time, whotever Phase Three may say, pay settlements could be beginning to advance much more rapidly, so threaten-ing a serious further rise in un-employment unless all monetary

In that event, the political strains of resisting (and the strains of resisting (and the financial consequences of conceding) the kind of monetary expansion that might mitigate unemployment in the short term, while furthing 50 per cent inflation in the medium term would be grim. They might at last test to destruction even Mr. Healey's Yorkshire resili-Mr Healey's Yorkshire resili ence, to say nothing of Mr Pardoe's Cornish good nature and Sir Geoffrey Howe's con-fidence that the problem is the Government's policy rather than the contradictions of our polit-

#### The Prudential Assurance Company Limited

The unaudited results for the Prudential Group of Companies for 1976 are set out below with comparative figures for earlier years.

The Directors have declared an immediate final dividend of 3.752p per share payable on 23 June next. This, together with the interim dividend of 2.200p per share declared in September last, amounts to 5.952p. Adding an Imputed tax credit at the rate of 35/65ths, the equivalent gross amount is 9.158p per share, and compares with 8.326p per share for 1975. If the rate of tax credit becomes 33/67ths, it would be the Directors' intention to declare a deferred final dividend of 0.116p per share in order to maintain the equivalent gross amount.

1976

1974

		1370 £m	£m	1974 £m	19/3 £m
Life:	Surplus	210.1	186,8	135,8	157.1
	Policyholders' bonus	196.4	174.8	127.8	146.1
	To Profit and Loss Account	13.7	12.0	8.0	11.0
Non-Life:	Premium Income	321.9	233,9	190.8	167.6
	Underwriting profit/(loss)	(10.2)	(8.3)	(4.7)	5.5
	investment income	21.5	15.7	11.5	9.1
		11.3	7.4	6.8	14.6
	Taxation	5.0	4.1	1.6	6.7
	To Profit and Loss Account	6.3	3.3	5.2	7.9
Profit and	Life	13.7	. 12.0	8.0	11.0
Loss	Non-life	6.3	3,3	5.2	7.9
Account:	Other net income	4.5	2.7	29	1.0
	Profit for the year	24.5	18.0	16.1	19.9
	Retained profits	8.3	3.2	4.6	9.5
Dividend cost		16.2	14.8	11.5	10.4
Equivalent gro	ss dividend per share	9.158p	8.326p	<b>7.71</b> 1p	6.729p

Earnings per share are not appropriate for life assurance business and have not therefore been given. Figures for the Mercantile and General have been included on a current year basis. The Shareholders' Funds of the Group as at 31 December 1976 were £100.8m. If all the shares of The Standard Trust Limited are acquired under the offer made, Shareholders' Funds would be increased by some £30m. Bonuses on the Company's participating life and annuity business have been declared as follows:-

Ordinary Branch Assurances (United Kingdom)

£4.20% (a) Reversionary bonus: (b) Terminal bonus for policies issued in 1975 (1974) or earlier, payable on claims by death or maturity in the twelve months commencing 1 April 1977. (Examples shown below.) Year of issue 1967 1962 £31.00 (£27.80) £47,00 (£43.80) (£72,70) 1947 £75.20

Year of issue £11.80 1967

£26.70 1962 £41.60 1957 1947 £68.50 1927 £108.00

Group Pension Business (United Kingdom) The rate of annual bonus under deferred annuity contracts has been increased to £6.50% compound (£6.00%) and under cash accumulation contracts to £4.40% compound (£3.90%).

The rates of bonus on United Kingdom personal retirement annuity plans have been increased and

(£112.60) 1927 £119,00 Industrial Branch Assurances £2.60% (£2,60%) (a) Reversionary bonus: talks with MPs on legislation (b) Terminal bonus for policies issued in 1975 (1972) or earlier payable on claims by death or or policy.

He will also be the contact maturity in the twelve months commencing 1 April 1977. (Examples shown below.)

(£21.50) (£37.40) (f66.20) (£106.60)

increases have been made in some bonus rates for overseas busing

The Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH.

# Business Diary: Baring accepted • A Productivity Year?

With the effortiess grace that characterizes everything to do with the Accepting Houses Committee, John Baring is to succeed Michael Verey of Schroders as chairman of that innermost sanctum of the mer-

Baring is 48 and can trace his lineage back to the founder of Baring Brothers. He joined the bank straight from Oxford in 1950 and then had a spell



J. P. Morgen, Morgan Stanley and Harris & Partners. On his return to Barings, he became a director of the bank

and then moved smoothly through the upper. echelons, chiefly on the then expanding corporate finance side, finally emerging as chairman three years ago.

Having only just heard of his appointment yesterday—selection is apparently a matter of discreet canvassing by the ouzgoing chairman—Baring has no set ideas of any immediate changes he would like to see made by the AHC which repre-

sents the interests of the leading merchant banks.
With the resignation of Branchs from the committee and several other members no

longer independently owned as well as the whole question of the future role of the merchant banks he will have plenty to occupy his mind. Away from banking, Baring's main interests lie in ferming and managing his Hampshire-estate. Indeed, in some eyes, conservationists' in particular, he is better known for this than banking. He had a brush with the authorities in 1972 when he wanted to demolish when he wanted to demolish the main neo-classical block of

Grange Park, a listed country house of special historic and artistic value. Following this brouhaha the house is now under the aegis of the National Trust.

Two-day test David Bailey today faces his first big test as chief executive of the British Productivity

He is to present his policy for the year ahead to representa-tives of the council's 41 regional branches at a two-day private conference at Stratford

This will be the first time he and they bave all been together in the same place at the same time. It is by no means sure that what he has to say will be to all the delegates'

on Avon.

Bailey will suggest that it is time BPC should once again function as a national body rather than as a federation of autonomous regional groups. Unless he can sell that idea to the branches, he has little



British . Productivity . Council's David Bailey: wringing tones. chance with the other plank of

his policy, an attempt to wring some cash out of the Depart-ment of Industry. BPC all but closed down after the withdrawal of state aid by the Heath government. The

council has since staggered along on the proceeds from its film-making and distribution Bailey would like there to another officially-backed National Productivity Year, similar to the present National Export Year.

The last time this was done was in 1962. Next year is other could be a supplied by the sup for no other, would seem as a good a year as any to have

another go. BPC associations of businessmen and trades unionists lecture, organize seminars and exhibitions and provide some consultancy services for small Bailey took over in August from Mac McLenaghan on the

latter's retirement. The new

man took a cut in salary in

leaving his job as manager, NCR consultancy services. His present salary can rise, how-ever, with the council's own productivity". The proceedings at Stratford today and tomorrow will be watched with particular interest

one member of the council management—Sydney Tread-

Wingtip

As Business Diery tipped on February 22, Sir Peter Fletcher is joining Lord Beswick's team on the board of British Aero-He is joined by Derek Glad-

win, southern regional secretary of the General and Municipal Worktrs' Union, and already a member of the Post Office Sir Peter, who is to be a full-

time member, is a fine "catch"

for BAe, as it will probably be termed so as not to confuse it with the "BA" of British Air-A retired air marshal, he is a director of Hawker Siddeley Aviation where one of his responsibilities in liaising with

As Lord Beswick plans to take his infant organization into cooperative ventures with other aircraft industries, notably those in Europe and the United States, Sir Peter's experience will be invaluable.

other countries on international

and military aviation

These two appointments A for Industry, brings the board up to 12, two of them part-

Aerospace ranks as a second-tier board among nationalized industries, so that the chairman gets £23,330 a year, the deputy chairman, Allen Greenwood, at present chairman of British Aircraft Corporation, £19,330. and full-time members between of management—Sydney Treadgold, who is an assistant secrepart-time members, one of
tary at the Department of whom is Gladwin, will be paid £1,000, a year.

CBI's Rayner

The CBI is to have a parliamentary adviser for the first time. He is Edward Rayner, who used to be a press officer for Ted Heath until 1970. Rayner comes to the CBI from the PBC's publicity department. the BBC's publicity department Rayner's job is to be available to MPs of any stripe when they want to know the CBI's views on a particular topic, and to call in experts to help in

with MPs whenever the CBI wants to lobby, and will feed ideas back from Westminster to the CBI, a few blocks away in Torbill Street. This is the first time the CBI has had such help on a syste-matic basis. The CBI does not

have much trouble with access to ministers, but has been worried that there was a blind spot in the arrangements for traffic in ideas between the confederation and

colleague telephoned the announced yesterday by Eric operator to complain that she Varley, the Secretary of State could not receive incoming for Industry, brings the board calls. The operator said she would look into it and call back.

John Baring of Baring's. in New York and Toronto with



#### ROTTERDAMSCH EILEGGIHGSCONSORTIUM N.V.

Robeco N.Y. announce a Final Dividend for the year 1976 of in Block from the Share Premium Reserve

at the option of the Sharehold-r/Sub-shareholder, Fis. 5.20 (Fis. 6.52 per Sub-share) in cush from the General Reserva

When the dividend is taken in stock, holdings represented by Berry Shers Warranta with coupons attached cannot be aggregated with holdings of Registered Sub-shares.

#### **EXCHANGE CONTROL POSITION**

Bank of England have given a general permission for an Depositaries to deal with this distribution, on behalf of a owners who are readent in the Scheduled Territories (the lignedom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, the Republic a and Gibraltar) as follows .—

(1) On the presentation of Coupon Ro. 72, shares received by shareholding in respect of the dividend must be held by (or, if held abroad, to the order of) a United Kingdom Fethodsia Depositary subject to the same conditions as the uniterlying holding. If this option to receive cash in lieu of stock is exercised, the amount received must be treated as a devidend and cold to an Authorised Dealer at the current market rate in the official fortigh exchange market.

Chi-h received after the SCth September 1977 may be stated in the same manner as proceeds emanating from a sale of the underlying holding.

#### (2) Purchase of Coupons No. 727

Such may be purchased for Sterling in the United Kingdom or with investment correctly outside the United Kingdom. Shares acquired by the purchase of additional Coupons—

(a) may, in respect of United Kingdom residents whose underlying holding is regarded as qualifying for transfer in completion of a sale under the permission given in percentage of the Notice E.C.7, be regarded as so qualifying:

(b) thould, in respect of the United Kingdom residents whose underlying holding is held subject to restrictions on dinosal, be held subject to the same restrictions—ine Bank of England would be prepared to consider applications, submitted through Authorised Oppositaries, for the proceeds of sale of portions relating to shares derived from the Coupons purchased with investment currency, to be regarded as eligible for the premium.

(a) Shares acquired by residents of the Scheduled Terri-tor is other than the United Kingdom should be held subject to the terms of paragraphs 57-84 of the above manifold Roller.

#### (a) In respect of United Kingdom residents

(i) Where the underlying holding could be fransferred in completion of a tale under the parmission given in preversely C7 of the Netica E.C.7. Coupons No. 7.1 may be said in the United Kingdom for Strong or abroad for Foreign Currency provided that the "35% requirement" is met in all cases other than "small bargains." and sales in order to round diven to the nearest whole share below. (Paragraph 355 (i) of the Notice E.C.7, as amended, refers);

(ii) Where the underlying holding is held subject to recirctions on disposel, permission under the Exchange Control Act 1947 to given for Coupons No. 72 to be sold for Foreign Currency, which should be sold to an Authorised Design at the current market rate in the oilicial foreign exchange market: the Coupons may not be sold in the United Kingdom for Sterling.

(b) In respect of residents of the Scheduled Territories ofter than the United Kingdom.

Phymission under the Exchange Control Act 1847 is over for Controls No. 72 to be sold in the United Kindom for Starling or abroad for Foreign Currency, which Audiovided Dipositarios are satisfied that the unitaritying holding is: in the banelicial ownership of sich residents, provided that the "25% requirement" is not in all cases other than "small bargains" and sales in order to round down to the marest whole sharp bolow. IPeragraph 58 of the Notice E.C.7, as anianded, reiers).

The above permissions relating to residents of the Scheduled Tarriering other than the United Kingdom are given without prejudice to any requirements of the local Exchange Control Authorities.

#### INCOME TAX POSITION

UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTS

When the dividend is accepted in stock, i.e. 31%, it is not just to Natherlands Dividend Tax or United Kingdom Income Tax. When election is made to take the dividend in cash, i.e. Fig. 5.20 per chare (Fig. 0.52 per Sub-phare) it is subject to Mitherlando Dividend Tex and United Kincdom Income Tax, but reference should be made to the Junher information given in this policy.

SALE OF COUPONS

It has been ruled that a coupon which statues a shareholder to participate in an optional cash/stock or stock/cash distribution is a coupon for foreign dividends " within the meaning of Section 159 (1) Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1970, and the proceeds of the sale or transfer of a coupon, without selling or transferring the underlying security, are accordingly obargeable-to moone as under Section 159 (3) (b) Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

#### **BEARER SHARE WARRANTS** WITH COUPONS ATTACHED !

Authorised Depositaries in the United Kingdom may present coupons to the Company's Paying Agents, National Westminster Bank Umited, Stock Office Services, Marking Names Section, 2nd Floor, 41 Lothbury, London E.C.2, on business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the following basis:

Payable as from the 12th April 1977.

Holders accepting this dividend in stock will receive new ares, free of payment, on the basis of one new stare for each shares held, signification No. 72, presentation of which must in multiples of 30 shares.

Holders who elect to take the dividend in cas); will receive payment in Sterling at the sight buying rate of exchange (less exchange commission). On Amsterdam current at 2 p.m. on the day of lodgement.

After the 30th September 1977, the option causes and an amount oach based on the value of the chares as at that date will be nade available by the Company. . Residents of Switzerland can apply for a partial refund by submitting a form R-NL 1 to the Eldzendssische Steuerverwaltung, Berne, from whom this form can also be obtained.

Residents of Italy can have a full refund by submitting Form 92 cartified by their local ast inspectors, to the inspector of porution Tax, Wibaut Streat, 2-4 Amsterdam.

If the coupons presented are accompanied by the appropriate certified forms 92 supplied by residents of Australia. Australia Acide. Beiglum. Canada, Danmark. Finland, France. The Federal Republic of Germany, Indonesia treduction to 20% only). The Republic of Ineland, Japan. Luxembourg. the Netherlands Antilles. Norway, Singapore. South Africa. Spain, Surinam, Sweden, or the United States of America, Netherlands Dividend Tax amounting to 15% will be withheld and coupons will be paid-at Fis. 4.42 per coupon from warrants for one share and pro rats. Coupons presented on behalf of shareholders who are subject to United Kingdom Income Tax will be subject to Netherlands Dividend Tax at the rate of 15%. Forms 92 VK will not be required. United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at 20% on the gross dividend.

, in those cases where exemption from Netherlands Dividend Tax is not claimed, such lax at 25% will be deducted and coupons will be paid at Fis. 3.90 per coupon from warrants for one shere and one rate. United Kingdom the one Tax will be deducted at \$55%, on the net dividend received in the United Kingdom, except where infand Revenue Affidavits are presented with the Coupons. Listing forms may be obtained from the Company's Paying Agents as above.

#### SUB-SHARE CERTIFICATES IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK (NOMINEES) LIMITED

Claims should be lodged with National Westminster Bank rited. Stock Office Services. Marking Names Section. 2nd Floor. Lothbury. London, E.C.2 on the appropriate claim form by thorised Depositaries only. who should mark such payment of a dividend on the Lack of the certificates. The claims must be sarly marked to show whether the claimant is accepting stock is electing for the cash option. The "requirements cage." on a claim in respect of certificate denominations must be completed on stock to being accepted.

The Record Date will be the 30th March 1977, and the Payment Date 12th April 1877.

Holders who accept the dividend in stock will be advised when the new Sub-share certificates are available against claims. Fractional certificates will not be issued but the certificates for Sut-shares representing fractions will be sold and the net proceeds

For holders electing to take the dividend in cash (Fis. 0.52) a fixed Sterling rate of exchange will be detarmined on the Becard-Date as a basis for psyment of the dividend. This will be sentenced shortly logetizer with the amount of the dividend in Sterling, the amount of the 15% and 25% Netherlands Dividend Inax and the amount of United Kingdom Income Tax, all per Subshare. The appropriate forms for relief of Nethedends Dividend Tax are referred to above. Unliked Kingdom residents who elect for the cash option are not required to lodge form 82 MK for the relief of Netherlands Dividend Tax.

When making psyments on a star the 12th April 1977 National Provincial Bank (Nominess), Limited will deduct Exchange and Marking Name Commission together with United Kingdom Income 17: at 20% on the gross dividend except where Indand Revenues Afficients are lodged with the claim.

After the 30th September 1877, stock only will be available for those Sub-chareholders who have not claimed their entitlement. · 1227 17、10年18日17、12年18日

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Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named record of the second of the s

NOTE — This notice is purely for-mai. All claims have been or will be paid in full,

G. S. CURTIS LIMITED

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Company are regulared for performance the 19th day of Annel 107 of Performance and particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned. Bernard Phillips.
F.C. A. of 76, New Cavandish Street, London, WIM 8AM, the Liquidator of the said Company and If so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Debts or the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Debts or the said Liquidator are to come in an approve their said points of the companies of t BERNARD PHILLIPS.
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THE COMPANIES ACT. 1948 In the Matter of J. B. J. MOTORS Limited. Nature of Business: Proprietors of motor garages and service stations etc. motor garages and service stations cet.

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No. 00981 of 1977
In the MIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court in the Matter of STRUCTURAL POLITICE HAME DEVELOPMENTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hareby given that a PETITION for the UNDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of March 1977 presented to the sald Court by Bayer UK Limited. High Court of Justice 177 presented to the Sald Court by Bayer UK Limited to be add to the Sald Court by Bayer UK And that the said Pruitien is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice. Strand, London WCA 2LL, on the 2nd day of May 1977, and any creditor or contributory of the Sald Company desirous to Support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in present or the said Petition and appear at the time of hearing in present or the said Petition will be irreditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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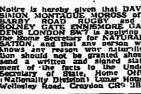
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FINANCIAL NEWS

#### George Whitehouse

#### A Hobson's choice for minorities

small shareholders.

instance, when the former chair-man Mr Norman Whitehouse, has dissociated himself from the offer, yet has already accepted NMT's terms in respect of his own 26.3 per cent holding?

Shareholders with long memories will no doubt remem-ber that Mr Whitehouse had previously sold and bought back a large strategic holding in the company. Manufacturing polished and

nickel plated steel strip for domestic appliances, Whitehouse slipped badly into the Since then, profits have grown gradually until in the 12

months 3 July last, the improve-ment was sharply reversed with a £107,000 deficit. But, since its launch under the aegis of Mr Ronald Palfrey-man's Bank Bridge Securities, it would be entirely under-standable if shareholders were more concerned by the various

management changes. management changes.
In the autumn of 1973
Edward Bates launched a 27p
per share cash bid on behalf
of Columbus Trust for the 54
per cent of Whitehouse that
Columbus did not own. The
bulk of the bidder's starting
stake came from Mr Norman
Whitehouse who had sold 30 per
cent with an option for a furcent with an option for a fur-ther 10 per cent.

Columbus eventually got 66.5 per cent with an option for a further 5 per cent. It stated that it intended to maintain Whitehouse's listing and to expand in engineering and related activities as opportunities presented

But by the middle of last year, Columbus which was an imquoted company, had failed. In July, Whichouse informed shareholders that 25.34 per cent of its equity had been sold by the liquidator who refused to reveal the identity of the purchasers or the price paid for the stake.

for the stake.
Goodbye Columbus and also
Oliver Rix which simultaneously
announced the sale of the 46
per cent stake it had largely
acquired on the sale of certain garage interests to Whitehouse. NMF emerged as one of the purchasers from the liquidator as Was Mr Whitehouse himself who bought back 742,000 shares. Associated with the Birming-ham investment bank, G. R.

The 71p per share offer by Midland Northern Trust for the shares it does not own in George Whitehouse (Engineering) raises serious questions for the other purchasers.

mall shareholders.

How should they react, for instance, when the former chairman Mr Norman Whitehouse, as dissociated himself from bid.

Of course, to comply with the Takeover Code the buying price could not have exceeded 7/19 per share since it falls within 12 months of the full.

However, its current offer document refers to persons acting in concert with NMT who hold 157,952 shares but do not wish the offer to be extended to their stakes.

Anthony Cross and Mr E. H. King joined the Whitehouse board, the former as chairman, early last December and Mr.

board, the former as chairman, early last December and Mr Whitehouse quickly realized that he was being edged out. As he said yesterday "the rest of the directors' shares were banked against me" and accordingly he sold his 26.3 percent stake at 7½p per share. So, NMT now controls 51 per cent and its maximum buyini price contrasts with a current market price of 13p. Mr Whitehouse is far from happy with this state of affairs and the other independent directors can give no guidance prefering to leave the accountancy firm of Deloitte & Co to present to somewhat Co to present te somewhat

confusing evidence. Shareholders may consider such conflicting guidelines as net asset backing of 23p per share and the possibility that NMT's stated intenion of maintaining the listing may not prove feasible. In other words they could be locked in for good at well under real worth. If there is a lesson to be If there is a lesson to be learnt from this affair, it is that small companies with narrow marketability become funamentally unwieldy during

management struggles or con-tested bids. A large shareholder simply cannot get out at anything like the market price and if he insists on cutting his losses, he runs the risk of leaving a void which a bidder can fill at a knock down price.

In the meantime, NMT intends to "naintain the independent existence of Whitehouse as an industrial holding company and mailors. holding company and to allow the business to operate on the same basis as at present if thet sounds self too familiar, the bidder elso intends to self one or two sub-

sidiaries as going concerns

and, in attempt to cut what it

sees as excessive gearing, the

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unchanged at 0.54p gross.

DAWNAY DAY IN BLACK

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STANDARD BANK-WALLACE

Attributable profit for half to December 31 up from \$A1.52m to \$A2.58m. Increased divident of 3

cents on enlarged equity against 5 cents. Major factors in uppur were film processing and United States operations. Other oversess subsidiaries and international export divisions made big gains.

garage interests acquired from Rix may be the first to go. Ray Maughan

#### Briefly

GREEN PROPS DOWN

On turnover of £1.06m against £952,000, pre-tax profit down from £151,000 to £122,000 for haif-year to December 31 in difficult market. Interim dividend 0.5p again. Trading more buoyant in current half.

LEVEX IN NET LOSS Pre-tax profit for period from September 1, 1975, to December 31, 1976, of £34,000 against loss of £86,000 for year to August 31, 1975. After extraordinary expenditure of £261,000, against nil, net loss of £226,000 against loss of £266,000 agains £62,000. Again no dividend.

DUNDONIAN ACQUISITION Agreement to buy Nottsvale for \$20,000 cash. Nottsvale is in tin and tungsten mining in West

ABWOOD MACHINE TOOLS Chairman hopes at half-time that, as forecast, company will recoup downturn in full year to

CAMFORD ENGINEERING Trading in first few months of this year to September 30 well shead of same period, annual

CEDAR CANCELLATION Listing of all securities of Cedar Holdings cancelled. CH GOES UP TO 19P

Offer by CH Industrials for Beaver Group having been made unconditional, it has been agreed that cash part of ordinary offer that cash part of ordinary offer be increased from 18p to 19p. This will be paid to all accepting holders. Directors of Beaver will recommend members to accept and have agreed for their own combined total of 19.2 per cent of eduity. BARROW HEPBURN BOUYANT

Profits outlook for group in 1977 is one of "further improve-ment", chairman writes in annual

Regarding offer for Lebong Tea, announced this week, company says that this is solely conditional on acceptances being received which, with those shares previously acquired, carry more than 50 per cent of voting rights of Lebong.

VICTOR PRODUCTS AREAD

Taxable profit for half to October 31 of Victor Products (Wallsend) up from £339,000 to £371,000 on turnover of £2.93m against £2.16m. Interim dividend raised from 5 Kr to 5.5 Kr per share.

Pre-tax profits of Viscose Development for 1976 up from £389,000 to £643,000. COMMON MARKET TRUST Total income for half-year to December 30 up from £568,000 to £799,000. Net income before Jer-sey tax, £210,000 (£323,000).

VISCOSE DEVELOPMENT

HANDMEX SURGE

Habit Precision Engineering's rights issue of 1.38m ordinary shares attracted acceptances for 1.3m shares (94.14 per cent). Remaining shares have been sold in the market.

HABIT PRECISION

up from 1.08p to 1.19p. **Deutsche Bank declares** 

# unchanged dividend

Deutsche Bank AG has followed the example of Dresdner Bank and Commerzbank in declaring an unchanged dividend subsidiary, Cie Financiere de la Deutsche Bank, will float a claring an unchanged dividend subsidiary, Cie Financiere de la Deutsche Bank, will float a claring an unchanged dividend subsidiary. for 1976. Peter Norman writes from Bonn. The bank, which is West Germany's largest, said it will again pay DM10 on each DM50

DM900m as well as pay Deutsche Bank shares.

DM100m in to open reserves. In addition the bank also This suggests that the parent plens to obtain shareholders bank's net profit last year was approval for the issue of up to little chenged at DM280m DM200m nominal of share expigations. against DM 81m the year be tal through a rights issue at fore.

\$125m hoan with a maximum life of 10 years and carrying option rights to acquire Deutsche Bank shares.

Every 1,000 dollars worth of stock issued will carry options

Deutsche Bank also an period ending April 30, 1982.

Deposit field

FURNS-ANDERSON

Profits stationary at £201,000
sgainst £202,000 for half to
December 31 on turnover of
£7.57m against £6.38m. Interim Thomas Tilling reports successful completion of offer, announced in January, to buy Intermedical Inc., medical suppliers, of Houston. Texas, for \$15m. This is first major takeover step by group's interests in United States T. 11

Pre-tax profit for balf to December 31 of £160,000 against loss of £14,000. Earnings a share of 0.25p compared with loss of 0.1p. There is again no interim, but dividend for year will be considered when full results available. Laborate Co. LYC Securities has incressed offer for Batu for shares not

already owned to 105p cash for each Batu. Accepting holders will be entitled to interim dividend of Standard ( 0.418p for year to June 30, 1977.

Thus who have already accepted will be entitled to receive the increased terms. Batu board recom-Acceptances of offer by Standard for Wallace Brothers (Holdings) received for 94.68 per cent of capital. Offer now unconditional. Early redemption at par of 71 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock of Wallace. Interest warrants will be sent out on April 1.

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Stock markets

# Budget verdict: gilts blaze, shares glow

shares feb the benefit of a pent-up institutional demand and by 11 am the FT Index was 9.3 better and at its himpoint of

With second-half deliveries the Budget has cleared the way for another cut in interest rates, and this general sentiment was enhanced 17 base rate cuts from the clearing banks.

In the gilt-edged market trade was, if anything, even brisker than in equities. By the end of the session long dates stood up to 1 higher with the new 12.25 per cem 1992 stock up £2.67 at \$1.767 in spite of some late. statement.

up after lunch, and there was a degree of profit taking, prices

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the response of the unions to the further incomes restraint was a background worry. But for the moment, most feel that the Budget has cleared the way

was, if anything, even brisker than in equities. By the end of the session long dates stood up to 3 higher with the new 12.25 per cent 1992 stock up £2.67 at £17.67 in spite of some late profit taking profit taking.

Shorts were equally firm with the day. Though demand dried most better by up to a couple of points. Among bid stocks FMC

ally not stirred by the base rate cuts though Midland at 282p and Lloyds, 217p, were several pence firmer. Schroders lost 5p to 330p among merchants after their statement. On the insur-ance pitch results had Legal & General a penny up at 125p, Pearl 4p to the good at 204p and Prudential at 126p, gaining 2p. In properties, statements left Peachey half a point lower

Motor group Marshall's Universal has soared 21p to 173p in two days on very strong de-mand. Figures due next week are expected to show a big advance on last year's £1.8m

at 32 p and Slough Estates up a penny to 91p. Berkeley Hambro was an isolated firm spot, gaining 11p for a close of 83p.

but the main spur has been widespread talk of a rights

issue on advantageous terms.

There ws a surprisingly active trade in tobacco shaares after the increase in tax, with BAT Industries up 8p to 273p and Imperial Group 21p to 711p.

With much uncertainty held up well and by the close the index was still 6.8 ahead at the index was small. The best spots were to be found in Taylor Woodrow, better by 10p to 306p, Costain 5p to 174p and UBM, which has Investments soared 16p to 412p after pleasing figures, while the backing of the chartists and GKN, up 9p to 342p, went compared to 531p. Housebuilders GKN, up 9p to 342p, went ahead strongly in sympathy. The clearing banks were generally not stirred by the base rate prospect of a cut in mortgage cuts though Midland or 282p. rates. Here Barratt Developments gained 7p to 89p and Gough Cooper were 6p ahead at

> In hotels De Vere benefited from speculative interest and rose 6p to 126p but Savoy 'A' hit by profit taking and gave up

was £53.44m (15,880 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were ICI, BP, Marks & Spencer, Shell, BAT Dfd, Burmah. GMH, Courtaulds, Gus 'A', Reckitt & Colman, GEC, Hay's Wharf, EMI, Dunlop, Wm Press, De Vere. Pork Farms, Barratt Developments, Tube Investments, House of Marshalls Universal and Bridge

#### Latest dividends

Company (and par value) Bath Matang Int Biddle Holdings (25p) Bridgort-Gundry (20p) Int Brit Alminium (£1) Fin Burns-Anderson (10p) Int Equity & Law (5p) House of Fraser (25p) Fin Thomas Jourdan (10p) Fin Legal & Gen (5p) Fin Newman-Tonks (25p) Int Patani Para (10p) Peachey Props (25p) Sit Pearl Assurance (5p) Fin Prudential Assurance (5p) EKT Textiles (16p) Fin EKT Textiles (16p) Fin EKT Textiles (16p) Fin	Ord div 0.41 3.98 0.66 15 0.35 5.98 2.75 1.25 0.8 0.325 7.41 3.75 7.41	Year ago 0.38 3.43 0.60 2.5 0.35 5.44 2.50 2.95 0.7 0.33 	Pay date 17/5 27/5 1/8 9/5 16/6 1/7 — 26/5 17/5 9/6 —	Year's total	Prev year 1.78 5.43 1.12 3.5 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3
RKT Textiles (10p) Fin	2.69	Nfl		4.27	Nil
Schroders (£1) Fin	7.24	6.31	6/5	10.2	9.31
Slough Estates (25p) Fin	1.27	1.21	25/5	2.02	1.85
Tube Investments (E1) Fin	3.29	9.05	25/4	18.76	17.05
Victor Products (25p) Int Zenith Carburetter (50p)	1.19 3.98	1.08 2.62	<i>△</i> 3/*	3.98	2.71
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# Slough values its properties at £194m, or 113p a share

By Ronald Pullen Slough Estates 1p rise to 91p yesterday probably owes more to the revaluation of its proper-ties than the fairly pedestrian profits for the year.

Property assets in the United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Australia and the United States

were revalued at December 31, 1976 and show an increase from the £137.2m at the time of the last revaluation in 1972 to

The net surplus on valuation of £24.3m has been credited to capital reserves. The effect of this revaluation has been to

Grampian is

Grampian Holdings, the Scot-tish printing, road haulage, and

consumer goods group, raised pre-tax profits by 8.7 per cent to £2.8m last year. But 3.5 per

cent of that increase came from

However, borrowings went up

during the year after starting off at a low level and are ex-

pected to grow to around £600,000 this year. Profits, the group believes, should still rise, largely because of loss elimina-

Athough the printing and publishing division lost £300,000 last

Prospects for the industrial services division, however, which showed the largest profits increase from £1.47m to £1.89m before central expenses, are less

from £550,000 to £460,000.

in interest charges

looking

to 1980s

from 83p to 113p a share. Meanwhile, the developments in Brussels and Sheffield have continued to overshadow the figures. Unrelieved losses overseas mainly in Brussels, but also due to Chicago where only 40 per cent is let at present have pushed up the tax charge to 55 per cent

This has in any case been inflated by a £162,000 provision for prior years against the £449,000 over-provision in the With the first benefits of its reversionary growth peeking through, United Kingdom ren-tal income increased from

£6.77m to £8.83m in the year to December 31, 1976. Overseas rental income in-creased from £2.83m to £4.03m. Pre-tax profits go up from £5.34m to £6.08m although with £5.34m to £6.08m although with the higher tax charge earnings per share have fallen from 3.65p to 3p, while the dividend has been raised by the maximum to 3.12p a share gross.

Demand for industrial space is still not buoyant, particularly in the US and Canada. Slough Estates has now finished the first phase of its Abardeen the first phase of its Aberdeen estate and a start has been made on construction in

#### Common themes from insurance companies

By John Brennan

A strong life branch performance partially offset at home by subsidence claims on general accounts, as well as sharply higher investment in-come surpluses, are common themes through the insurance company results amounted

resterday. Leading the field, Legal & General Assurance beat most external estimates with operating profits up by 14 per cent to fil.lm in 1976.

Life and pension profits improved from £6.6m to £7.7m in the year on record worldwide premiums of £380m.

L & G's general account business reduced its loss from income of £109m.

This was an improvement which makes the scale of

the recovery overseas as storm and subsidence claims of 53.7m and subsidence claims of £3.7m pushed the domestic account into the red. Investment income rose by £4m to £13.6m.

Overall long term business produced a surplus of £59.1m. £46.5m of which has been allocated to policyholders Mr Ron Peet, L & G's chief executive takes the opportunity to add his voice to the antimationalisation lobby,

He also calls for "urgent

nationalisation lobby,

He also calls for "urgent action from employers" who have yet to decide whether or not to opt for the new State pension schema. L & G recommends the maximum permissable dividend increase, to 7.88p gross per share, and the shares rose lp to 125p

Pearl Assurance also bene-Pearl Assurance also bene-fited from a considerable reduc-

fited from a considerable reduc-tion in overseas underwriting losses in the general branch, an improvement again partly offset by subsidence claims at home and, in this case, poor claims experience in motor cycle business.

Nevertheless, net profits rose 21 per cent to £4.72m in 1976 and maximum dividends of 15.760 gross per share helped

and maximum dividends of 15.76p gross per share helped the shares rise 4p to 204p.

Equity and Law Life Assurance, up 4p to 134p on news of a 13 per cent rise in its 1976 distributable surplus to £1.1m joins the others with a dividend increase, in this case to 9.2p gross per share. The directors plen to adjust the dividends if the Chancellor's conditional tax rate reductions conditional tax rate reductions

# Midland Bank **Base Rate**

Midland Bank Limited announces that with effect from March 31st 1977, its Base Rate is 95%. and that its Deposit Rate on amounts lodged at its branches subject to 7 days notice of withdrawal is 5% on balances of all amounts.

Personal Credit Plan Accounts will attract 5% on credit balances and be charged 18% on debit balances with effect from May 13th 1977.



Midland Bank

#### The Royal Bank of Scotland INTEREST RATES

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from 31st March, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is being reduced from 101% per annum to 91% per annum.

The maximum rate of interest allowed on Deposits lodged for a minimum period of seven days or subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal at the London Offices of the Bank will be reduced to 5% per annum.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited, Head Office, PO, Box 14, 42 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH1 2YE.



Coutts & Co. announce that, for balances in their books on and after the 31st March, 1977, and until further notice their Base Rate for lending is 9½% per annum. The Deposit Rate on all monies subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal is 5% per annum.

# Lloyds Bank Base Rate

Lloyds Bank announces that with effect from Thursday, March 31st, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is reduced to 9½%. The rate of interest on 7-day notice Deposit accounts and Savings Bank accounts will be 5%, a decrease of 1½%.

#### **Standard Chartered**

announce that on and after the 31st March, 1977,

the following annual rates will apply

Base rate  $\dots$   $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ Deposit rate . . . . 5%

Standard Chartered
Bank Limited

# Tilbury in toughest year yet

Having kept construction ra-cassion at bay for so long it now looks as if Thbury Contract-expansion - . . to be rasumed. ing will have to retreat this year. But with luck the with-drawal should and soon. Mr P. Edge-Partington and ris colleagues point to the

Government moratorium on most public sector work. So competition will be fierce and the task of maintaining United Kingdom profits tough.

Nor, probably, will Nigeria contribute to this year's profits. The directors add "the group

expansion . . . to be resumed."
Tilbury managed to raise
turnover last year from £28.8m
to £31.1m but it was not enough
to keep operating profits on the
move. Depreciation and interest
payable rose by more than 6
per cent curbing pre-tax profits
by 5 per cent to £1.94m.
The group actually did better
in contract building, civil
engineering and plant bire, but

engineering and plant hire, but road surfacing and estate development let it down. In the case of estate development

Even so the group is paying more. Up goes the final dividend from 11.03p net to 11.92p, lifting the total from 16.53p to a maximum 17.92p net, or 27.6p gress. This payment absorbs only £348,693 from available profits of £803,805. Exrnings a share were 46.88p against 51.70p.

it has kept up its cash balances despite a big increese in work in progress.

# **British Aluminium on crest** of recovery wave

Booming demand, price increases, higher efficiency and flat-out working, after the depression of 1975, are reflected spectacularly in the finel results for 1976 of British Aluminium, whose againty is almost entirely held by Tube Investments in conjunction with Reynolds Metals of America.

Although the half-year figures had already marked a strong rebound, the year's figures are still striking. On a turnover up £50m to £174m pre-tax profits rocketed from £1.7m to £13.1m.

On a current-purchasinglishing division lost 1:300,000 last year compared with breakevan in 1975, the picture was improving in the second half, perticularly in the last quarter. Although the division is not, apparently, back in profits yet, a substantially improved result is expected in the current year.

Prospects for the judgettial

certain. The management is not sure of the likely development of its construction interests durrocketed from £1.7m to £13.1m.
On a current-purchasingpower basis the group recovered from a loss of £2.6m
to a pretax profit of £7.3m. As
special credits shrank from
£4.5m to £229,000, net earnings
were little changed at £5.7m.
The total dividend soars from
5.38p to 30.8p gross.
Raleigh, another "Tubes"
offshoot, had a good year, hoisting its pretax profit from £3m
to £7.7m on sales of £100.2m
(£87.5m), although the figures
are not strictly comparable. ing the year.

But benefits should flow from rationalization at a new acquisition which provided profits of only £50,000 last year.

The group is looking, overall,

for a modest rise in profits this year, but it has its eyes on the 1980s for major expansion. Earnings per share were 12.82p and the dividend rises to 6.05p gross with a final of 3.74p.

#### Bumper dividend from Jourdan

The return to profits at Thomas Jourdan at helf time was no flash in the pan. Fretax profits of this investment holding group finished 1976 at £608,000, compared with a loss of £54,000. Turnover went up from £3.7m to £5.4m,

Shareholders get a gross

Shareholders get a gross dividend quadrupled to 4p, and the board says that although the group was a "close" company at December 31, it is one no longer. Earnings a share were 7.34p against a loss of 0.36p. The directors add that trad-ing has expanded steadily and net margins continued to widen,

#### Samuel Props bright

Having turned a loss of £1.04m into a pre-tax profit of £248,000 last year, Samuel Properties has managed to push profits for the six months to December 31 up from £76,000 to £873,000. This was achieved on gross income of £4.6m against £3.7m. There is again no interim divi-

dend but a payment will be made in the 1977 calendar year. Kleinwort, Benson World trade is not growing as fast as many hoped and Mr

R. A. Henderson, chairman of Kleinwort, Benson, the mer-chant banking subsidiary of Kleinwort, Benson, Lonstiale also points to a subdued demend for losses from industry and commerce which have meant lower interest rates in

other countries.

At home he says that the expected benefits of North Sea oil and gas are being offset by an increasingly uneasy political and industrial picture.

The balancachaet shows that The balance-sheet shows that deposits rose 10 per cent to 5985.8m, while loans rose from £432.3m to £532.6m.

#### Biddle taking up building stack

Building is a tough business these days so Biddle Holdings (a specialist in heating and air-conditioning equipment and lifts) can look back on 1976 with some pride and record

First half pre-tax profits had First half pre-tax profits had risen only modestly, but they jumped in the second six months, so the year's profits spurted 28 per cent to £940,000, producing earnings of 10.7p a share against 8.3p. Turnover expanded from £9.3m to £10.2m. The final payout is again increased, lifting the total from 8.36p to 9.2p.

8.36p to 9.2p.
Orders this year are higher than before, and a "healthy" financial position should stand the group in good stead.

#### Rbt Kitchen Taylor's losses double After providing £800,000

against property stock, losses at Robert Kitchen Taylor have doubled to £550,000 for the year to September 30. Turnover for the year went down from £11m to £10.6m. The domestic appliance divi-

the comesue appuance divi-sion has been discontinued and a full provision for this is included in extraordinary icems of £843,000 against £128,500. This leaves losses at £1.86m against £265,000 and the loss a share at 29.31p against 11.43p.

Newman-Tonks up The second-half improve

ment at Newman-Tonks last year has carried over to give a 50 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £549,000 for the six months to January 31. Turnover rose 28 per cent to £9,3m. Direct exports continue to rise and the board of this metal hardware group expects the second half to improve upon the present results.
The interim dividend raised from 1.08p to 1.23p

# **GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS**

Preliminary Results for the year ended 31 December 1976.

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS LIMITED announce profits (subject to audit) before tax for the year ended 31 December 1976 of £2,811,000 (£2,585,000). The directors propose a final dividend of 9.73% (2.4325 pence per share), giving with the interim a total of 15.73% (3.9325 pence per share), the maximum currently permitted.

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Ordinary Final Proposed of 9.73% (1975 – 11.5%). 69 152 247 71 292 432 BALANCE UNDISTRIBUTED\_ 660 1,079 1,092 12.82p 10.69p

NOTE: The results for the year to 31 December 1976 and for the year to 31 December 1975 are in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 9.

The Chairman, Mr. D. C. Grieg, comments:

"Group profits have been maintained in 1976. While noteworthy performances were recorded in some sectors, difficult conditions were experienced in printing, furniture and oil services. "As I indicated previously the imbalance between interim and final dividends has been adjusted and a final dividend of 9.73%

(2.4325 pence per share) has been proposed, the total dividend for 1976 being 15.73% (3.9325 pence per share). "Whilst it is still too early to forecast the ontcome for the current year, I believe the group has considerable potential for

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS LIMITED The Scottish-based holding company with interests in industrial services, consumer goods and printing and publishing.

# Barclays Bank Base Rate.

Barclays Bank Limited and **Barclays Bank International Limited** announce that with effect from the close

of business on 31st March, 1977, their Base Rate will be decreased from 101% to 9½% per annum.

The basic interest rate for deposits will be decreased by 1½% from 6½% to 5% per annum.

BARCLAYS



Reg. Office: 54 Lombard Street, EC3P 3AH Rog. No's 48839 and 1026147.

#### MARKET REPORTS

#### Metals recoup some recent losses on LME

Base metals and silver yesterday extended a rally which began on Tuesday's late kerb. Dealers said that the heavy liquidation in tin and lead finally ran into general bargain hunting and some of the recent losses were recouped. Tin was again to the fore with gains of £217.50 for standard cash and £222.50 for three months. Lead recovered by £29.50 for cash and £27.50 for three months. Copper and zinc also picked up. Copper and zinc also picked up. Copper cash wire bars put on 513 and three months gained £10. In zinc the gains were £15.50 and

Silver rose by between 3.60p and 4p per troy ounce in the ring with the overnight turn-round in New York and the moderate rally in base metals as the main supporting factors, dealers said.

275 tons.

SILVER.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot. 280.7p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 483); three months. 25p (488c); she onths. 25p (488c); one year. 511.8p (511.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash. 280.7-81 Op: three months, 287-87-29; seven months. 296.5-97.5p. Sales, 65 lots of 10.000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash. 280.4-80.8p; three months. 286.9-87.0p; seven months. 286.9-87.0p; seve

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Bank Base Rates

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# **Commodities**

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May. £89.50; June. £90.50 £81 coast.

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BARLEY.—EEC Food/Capadian No. 2 MAIZE.—No 5 yellow American' French: April, 284,50; May, 285,50 trans-shipment east coast.

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#### Foreign Exchange

Sterling traded at \$1.7205/08 towards the close, around its high level of the day, after the Bank of England innervened persistently to prevent the rate from moving further upwards, dealers said.

They said most of the intervention took place this morning when the Bank took in around \$100m in the face of good demand for sterling, especially from the Middle East.

The Bank of England's effective exchange rate closed at 61.8 against 61.9 at noon and unchanged on last night's close. Sterling closed at \$1.7207 against the dollar, 13 points up on the day. Gold closed at \$149\(\frac{1}{2}\) au ounce, \$2 dollars up on Tuesday's close. Dealers noted considerable pressure on domestic interest rates as a result of currency inflows. sure on domestic interest rates as a result of currency inflows.

The dollar showed little reaction to the turnaround in United States leading indicators in February, showing a 0.4 per cent rise after a 1.2 per cent fall in February, dealers said, as the recovery had

been expected. **Spot Position** of Sterling

**Forward Levels** 

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days, 47-56; one months, 49-46; three months,
51-51; six months, 52-54.

Gold

#### Discount market There was a substantial surplus

of day-to-day credit on Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England intervened to sell an extremely large amount of Treasury bills direct to the houses, but even this was not enough to entirely mop up the surplus liquidity. The market had a modest take-up of Treasury bills to finance and there was the need for settlement of the very small amount of gilts sold by the Gov-

amount of gilts sold by the Government Broker on Tuesday.
Rates opened at 9½ per cent, but did not stay there long. Closing balances were picked up between 8½ per cent and 9½ per cent. Treasury bills were actively traded with "hos" down from 9 9/32-7/32 per cent to 9-8 15-16 per cent. At this level, a 9½ per cent MLR would be indicated. However, many dealers expect the Bank to give another "slow-down" signal today if the opportunity presents itself. But there is optimism about the chances of the authorities lowering MLR from 10½ per cent to 10 per cent tomorrow.

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Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat index on European share prices was put provisionally at 118.46 on March 29 against an adjusted figure of 118.13 a week earlier.

#### Wall Street

New York, March 30.—Prices turned broadly lower after opening higher in light trading on the New York Stock Exchange this mort-Declining issues moved ahead

of gainers almost three-to-two. The Dow Jones industrial average was down about five points. was down about five points.—New York, March 29.—New York stock prices closed moderately higher, but the overall market gain was fairly shallow and lacked convincing volume.

The industrial average was ahead 5.90 points to 932.01. It was up more than seven points at its high for day.

Coffee gains 6 cents

New York. March 29.—COFFEE futures in "C" contract symme over a 12-cent range, dipping to the 6-cent brait at the opening then railying steadth to end as much as the permissible advance for the day. Costing prices were 6.00 to 5.25 cents up. May, 517.00-20.00c; liny, 322.11:0.345.00c; permissible contract for the day. Costing prices were 6.00 to 5.25 cents up. May, 517.00-20.00c; liny, 322.11:0.00c; permissible contract for the day. Golden and Line of the contract for the contr The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Tuesday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

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62	45	Henry Sykes	53	+2	2,2	4.2	6.2
81	55	James Burrough	80	_	6.0	7.5	12.7
242	188	Robert Jenkins	242	+2	25.0	10.3	5.4
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# Lonsdale Universal invests in the future

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Main points made in the review by the Chairman, Mr Norman Ramseyer

- 20% improvement in second half year
- Overall profit fall due to increased interest charges on £2m capital investment programme, from which future benefits are expected.

# **MADAME TUSSAUD'S LIMITED**

At the 50th Annual General Meeting held yesterday, the Chairman, the Earl of Ranfurly, said:-

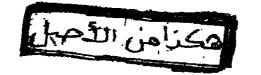
.1977, as is well known, is the year of the Silver Jubilee. This fact, and the probability of an exchange rate attractive to foreign visitors to London, gives us confidence that, subject to unforeseen circumstances, 1977 should be a good year for Madame Tussaud's and another record year in the company's history.

> Profits before Taxation and Extraordinary Items (£'000s)

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#### **Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds**

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According to BP a revolution is about to take place in car engine oils. It predicts that most of the 90 per cent of motorists who use the thicker 20W-50 grade will have changed to a lighter oil within the next three years. BP makes its case principally on the argument that lighter oils give better petrol consumption and it contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends that the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contends the saving can be about 6 to 8 per contend motorist. Other advantages of a lighter mil, it says, are less battery wear during a cold start and more effective lubrica-tion of the engine in the warm-up acriod.

The point is that less power is used Among the engines not suited to the sure again the avaluages of from the inturning the mechanical components of the engine against a light oil than a heavy one, so less fuel is needed to the with integral gearboxes in the Leyland as much head and leg room in the work the engine and propel the car along the road. Also, because the along the road. Also, because the recommend the use of VF7 in any of the driving position is good with. work the engine and propel the car thing the road. Also, because the lighter oil reaches the engine compo-nents more quickly, there is less wear during the first critical few minutes after starting.

is not unconnected with the fact that it recently put a new one on the market. In contrast to the 20W-50 thick oil that predominates in Britain the BR VF7 has a rating of only 10W-30.

The numbers relate to the viscosity of the oil or its thickness/thinness at a given temperature and are deven BP's sudden conversion to lighter oil is not unconnected with the fact that

The two numbers indicate the range of viscosity, hence the term "multi-grade". The W stands for winter, for in cold weather the oil must be thinner to warm up quickly. In summer a coutsold more than 60 times by its thicker oil is needed to protect the engine at higher temperatures. So a BP remains couldent that VF7 will

per cent improvement in petrol con-sumption over 38 vehicles. BP on its own test fleet of 16 vehicles got a 5.5 per cent improvement, and the saving by an independent company on six Road test: Audi 100LS cars averaged 7.9 per cent.
At BP's invitation I took my Audi

100 road test car to its research centre at Sunbury, Middlesex, to record fuel consumption using the two types of oil on a rolling road dynamometer. Unfor-tunately for my hosts, the improvement with VF7 was so small as to be statis-tically insignificant.

However, even those who are scep pipped it for the Car of the Year tical about VF7 will concede that for award); but it does most things well the reasons I have given a thinner oil is likely to save fuel. The case against a 10W-30 oil rests on other factors, and



to its tests engines were using 35 per cent more VF7 than a thicker oil.

But the most important resson for not using a thinner oil is that it can increase the risk of engine wear. It depends partly on whether the engine of the demands of the so-called executars designed to take such an oil, and two car, being roomy and comfortable, many in use today were not, partly on how the engine is used and partly on its age.

All the present Ford engines, on the other hand, have been designed to take thinner oils, provided that the car is used only in moderate climates. The

a given temperature and are determined by test procedures established in America by the Society of Automotive It must be emphasized that thin oils Engineers. The lower the number the thinner the oil. are not new; they are widely used on the Continent, for instance; nor is VF7 the only one available in the United Kingdom. But companies that offer a thin oil say there is little demand for it: Castrol's Castrolite is

engine at higher temperatures. So a multigrade is an oil for all seasons.

In tests comparing VF7 with a 20W-50 multigrade the Automobile Association achieved an average 6.8

BP remains confident that VF7 will be taking a third of its lubrication sales by the end of the year and that the need to save fuel will force motorists to use thinner oils. But there are snags: the best advice must be to are snags; the best advice must be to follow the manufacturer's recommenda-

The hig Audi has always been a strong seller in Britain, and the "mark two" version, launched in West Gertwo ' many in the autumn and now available in right-hand drive, should do even better. There are no dramatic new features and the car may lack the visual flair of the new Rover 3500 (which just pipped it for the Car of the Year

In one important respect, however, I did find the new Audi disappointing, and that was noise. The engine sounds

s age.

Among the engines not suited to the once again the advantages of front-

The driving position is good with, again, emple leg room and a rest has thoughtfully been provided for the left foot when it is not operating the clutch. The seats are farmish, though less so than on some German cars, well shaped and give the right support to the back and thighs. I would not put the ride quite in the Peugeot class, and bumps on the road do transmit to the inside of the car, but overall there can be

The steering apart, the Audi is a pleasure to drive. It starts easily on the automatic choke, has a crisp gearchange (once you get used to the slightly springy action), well-spaced ratios and responsive brakes. The car takes corners almost neutrally and with elmost no roll, and roadholding is

eatmost no roll, and roadholding as superb.

The 1,984cc engine, developed from the previous Audi 100 unit, gives good performance considering the size and weight of the car, with acceleration from rest to 60 mph in just under 11 seconds and a top speed of 110 mph to leave plenty in hand for relaxed motorway cruising. But there is a lack of pulling power at low speed, and a motorway crussing, but there is a loca of pulling power at low speed, and a drop down to third gear is sometimes better for safe overtaking. On fuel consumption I returned a creditable

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A large glass area ensures good allround visibility and I liked the neat
and attractive interior. The instruments are a model of clarity, though
I regretted the absence of a revolution counter, which I find a useful
aid to smooth driving.

#### Sixes and Sevens

Presumably to forestall those sneak pictures of which the Continental motoring magazines are so fond, BMW has just issued the first official photo-

# **Broadcasting**

Christopher Isherwood talks about his life and writings in Tonight (BBC1 11.10) and his new book is reviewed in The Book Programme (BBC2 8.5), Omnibus (BBC1 10.15) studies the talented South London jazz pianist Stan Tracey and The Royal Film Performance 1977 (ITV 10.30) sees the stars turn out for the premiere of Silver Streak. Versatile actor and comedian Leonard Rossiter is the maddening film buff in The Galton and Simpson Playhouse (ITV 9.0) and Taste for Adventure (BBC1 8.30) finds French journalist Catherine Lamour in an opium jungle.—T.S.

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1. 6.40-7.55 am, Open University:

2. 2.05 Structure of Lysozyme;

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4. 3.20 am, A Big Country. 10.10, 10.35 am, Inner Space. 11.00, The Collaborators. 11.50, The Codatoral Decision-making;

5. 7.30, Sweden: Industrial Melodies. 12.00, Grauny's pm, Comedy Break. Tim Bar
E Democracy. 11.00-11.25, Play Kitchen. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. retr and Susan Farmer in Talk es School. 2.15-4.30 pm, Racing 12.30, All About Babies. 1.00, of the Devil. 3.50, Thames. 4.20, from Aintree. 4.55-7.00, Open News at One. 1.20, Today's Film, A Gift for Heidl.

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Radio 1 5.00 am, News: Colin Berry. \* 7.00, Simon Bates, 9.00, Tony Bischburn. 12.00, Paul Burnett, 2.02 pm, David Hamilton. 1 4.30, DLT, 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, John Dunn. 6.50, Sport. 7.02, I wa By Two 2.30, Colon Colon. 20, Sport. 7.02, I wa By Two 2.30, Colon Colon. 20, Colon Dunn. 100, Kid Jensen. 1 12.00, News. 2 6.00 am, As Radio 1, 7.02, Terry Wogan, 8,02-17.30, Pete Mustry, 10.30, Waganners, Walk, 11.30, Ilminy Young, 1,1.50 pm, Sport, 2,02, Radio 1, 4.30, Waganners, Walk, 4.47, John Dunn, 16.45, Next Move, 6.50, As Radio 1, 17.04, Ruth Cubbia.

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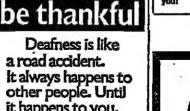
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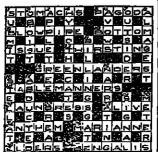
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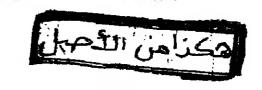
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